

Journal

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March 4, 1968

1st DPT & polio

July 11, 1968

2nd DPT & polio

Sept 29, 1969

measles

April 19, 1976 - 2nd measles

Nov 1, 1978 - Rubella

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July 26, 1973

Because many interesting and memorable things have been transpiring the last little while, I've decided to write down some of the things in my life.

On the 17th of July at our weekly Synapse meeting the Bishop informed Bro. Murchison and myself that because of his severe headaches the Bishop had asked for a release. The state president informed him that the change in the Bishopric would be made before the 1st. of September... Because my wife and I have felt several times that perhaps I would be called to the Bishopric this announcement had quite a disturbing effect upon my life. I spent the rest of the week in thought and contemplation and finally Saturday evening I decided to start fasting to prepare myself for that which the Lord had in store for me. Early Sunday morning ^(6:30) ^{July 22} I was awakened by a dream. In the dream I was

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Talking to President Clegg and he said "I can assure you that you will be a Bishop" I immediately awoke. I continued my fast into the afternoon of the following Monday and after I finished fasting I felt a great relief from the things that were bothering me. I still feel somewhat bothered at times though when I think of that dream. At this time I am not sure whether the dream meant that I would be the next Bishop... or that at a future date I would be a Bishop. I can't help but feel that it meant that I was to be the next Bishop.

I have tried to prepare myself in case that is my lot and I have spent some prayer and thought on the matter of counselors.

I feel that the calling of a Bishop is a very important position in my father in Heaven's Kingdom and I would be honored to serve in that position. I hope that my desire

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Date August 1962

Excerpts from a Diary of (Glenda) kept during 1962.

Wednesday August 15, 1962, Karen Black came down and brought her brother Richard to meet me. He asked me to go for a ride, so we went to the A and W. Robt been stand on 21st South. He asked me to go to a show with him on Friday evening. (I was living with my mother and father at 411 Pennay Avenue. My parents had moved to Salt Lake City from Sugarville in October, 1961. We moved into the Millcreek 12th Ward, Millcreek Stake. It was here that I became acquainted with Karen Black through the sports program. I inquired who played the piano so that I could have an accompanist. I was told that Karen played and after that she played for me many times. I remember the 1st song that I sang in the 12th Ward was "I Need Thee Every Hour. About the time I met Richard or a short time before, I started taking voice lessons from Brother Condie ^{who conducted the Tabernacle choir} when I got married I discontinued the lessons but I had gained much.)

Friday August 17, 1962. Went to the show "Hataris" with Richard Black. We doubled with Harold Gray and his wife. It was really a good show and I had a lot of fun.

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Sunday August 19, 1962. Went to the afternoon session of Stake Conference and sang in a youth choir. Went to the night meeting and sang in a double mixed quartet. Richard came up after and asked me to go get some hot tacos with him. Karen and George and their dates went with us. (It is interesting to note changes throughout the years. Number one is that stake conference is now only one session and there is no nightly youth meeting any longer. Number two is our attitude about buying on the Sabbath. It has been many years since we have purchased anything on the Sabbath with a very few exceptions in the case of illness.

Wednesday August 22, 1962. Went with Richard and members of his family to Cottonwood Canyon for a "Rony Wood". They all took me on a "snipe" hunt. I had never been on a snipe hunt before but I went along with them and played the part.

Sunday August 26, 1962. Went with Richard to his cousin's farewell testimonial at a Murray ward. Afterward we went up to the University Village to a reception for Karen & Chuck Henderson. (She was a girl I worked with at Beneficial Life. She was a convert to the gospel as was he. They both came

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and didn't get married in the temple.
I have lost track of her and what she
has been doing since I was married.
(She was one of my bridesmaids.)

Wednesday August 29, 1962. Richard and
I double dated with Paul Millard and his
date. We mostly goofed off. Went and got hot
tacos. Richard asked me how serious Glen
Benneth and I were. I at this point was
not too sure what my feelings were.

(Glen was a boy I had met during
my senior year of high school. I had dated
him and gone steady, which in this case
meant I was tied to him and couldn't
accept dates from anyone else but he never
took me any place either. My thoughts
on formally "going steady" is don't do it.
That way the other boys don't hesitate
to ask a girl out. If you like someone
a whole lot you can just try to go
with them instead of tying yourself
down. Well so much for the
editorial. When Glen had gone on a
mission in Oct 1961 he had wanted me
to become engaged and tie myself down to

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him with no dates. I just didn't feel right about this so I wouldn't count. So at this time I was rather confused about matters.

Friday September 7, 1962. Mom and Dad's washer was broken down. Uncle's husband Carroll and I worked on it trying to fix it until midnight.

Saturday September 8, 1962. While driving down Penney Avenue I saw this jeep behind me. As I looked in the mirror the driver of the jeep looked like a boy from Sugarville. As I was deciding if it was him or not, the horn on our car stuck and kept honking. As I stopped for the stop sign at 5thth East I realized that it was Richard. I'm sure he thought I was honking at him. (Since it had been about 10 days when I saw him last maybe it was good fortune that the horn stuck.) Because later in the day he came down to see me and helped work on the washer. He asked me to go to the State Fair with him at night. Karen, Lula, and Ann came along with us. Afterwards he took me to Bruno's at 39th So State and we had Pizza. We discussed Glen.

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Sunday September 9, 1962. Went to church in the 12th Ward Richard. Afterward we went to a fisside.

Friday September 14, 1962. Our trio, Karen, Miriam Le Cheminant and myself practiced up at Karen's place. I saw Richard. He asked me to paint the town red tomorrow night.

Saturday September 15, 1962. Went with Richard and his parents to the Grand opening of his brother Peter's Appliances store in Lorelei. (Richard's mother gets car sick so she has to ride in the front seat. Richard kidded me then and still does that he had to take his mother with to get me to sit by him.) Earlier in the day I went to see... Brother Richard P. Condie to audition for the Tabernacle Choir. He told me that I would need voice training.

Sunday September 16, 1962. Went to church at the Millcreek 1st Ward where Karen, Miriam, and I sang.

Monday September 17, 1962. I received a letter from Glen. He was moved to another ward. I called him and talked for about 25 min.

Tuesday September 18, 1962. Richard picked me up from my first voice lesson tonight. He took me out looking for an automatic

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washer, washer for Mom and Dad. While we were looking one fellow was determined that we were looking for an apartment and was going to show us one. When Richard took me home he told me it was someone special to him. Then he kissed me goodnight for the first time.

Wednesday September 19, 1962. I bought and paid for a Ewashee for my parents. The company came and installed it.

Thursday September 20, 1962. I went to Donnie Jolley's wedding reception. I was her maid of honor. I also sang for them. Richard was there and we danced.

Friday September 21, 1962. Went to a stake welfare dinner. I sang two songs.

Saturday September 22, 1962. Went to Delta. We visited first with Berdell and Helen. Dad went over to Brother Woodbury's, the stake Patriarch, and received a blessing as his health has been very poor. We then went to June and Gene's and stayed over night.

Sunday September 23, 1962. Went to Sunday School and testimony meeting in Sugarville. That night went to the Delta 1st Ward with Virginia. My feelings were very mixed. I even told Virginia

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Stephenson of Holden came and talked to
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having problems. (as I think I look
over the years I am so grateful that
I did not rush into marriage with
Glen and that I did not tie myself
down to him. My life would be
very much different I am sure.)

Thursday Sept 27, 1962. Went to Karsan
to practice. Saw Richard

Saturday Sept 29, 1962. Went to a show "The
Pigeon That Took Rome" with Richard and Sandy
and Monty (a couple of Richard's friends. When
I first met Richard he had a mustache.
I believe it was this night he had shaved
it off and I didn't even notice it. I had
to be told. That shows how observant I
was.)

Sunday September 30, 1962. After church we
went to a Genealogy friends. Then we went
up to Monty and Sandy's and looked at slides.

Tuesday October 2, 1962. Voice lesson.
(Richard paid for quite a few of my voice
lessons. I believe they were \$10 each.)
Had the first missionary discussion set

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up for Dave and Loretta McCallum. (They were a couple who lived in the house behind Mom and Dad. They were Pentacostal. They never did join the Church. We stayed fairly close to them. Dave started getting mixed up in the drug culture and going with other women. He finally left Loretta. She moved back to the place she was from, one of the southern states. She remarried and several years ago her and her new husband came to visit us. She seemed happy but has never been able to see the value of the Gospel in her life.) The stake missionaries were Owen Richardson and Clive Jensen. Another neighbor Mrs. Pech came but made an excuse for not coming again.

Friday October 5, 1962. Went to the show "Missie Man" with Richard. I really had an enjoyable evening.

Saturday October 6, 1962. Richard and I fasted.

Sunday October 7, 1962. Went to conference with Richard. We continued to fast.

Tuesday Oct 9, 1962. Voice lesson. Had the second discussion with Dave and Loretta. They invited a young couple, Ron and Lynn to come with them.

Friday October 12, 1962

Today is my birthday. Richard asked me to go out to dinner. While I was gone out to Kearns getting Alice, the florist brought a beautiful corsage that Richard sent me. It was made up of white carnations. Then when he came he had a white leather triple combination. Then he took me to dinner at the Balsam Embers. After dinner we rode up the canyon. He asked me what I would say if we worked towards putting a ring on my finger. I didn't know what to say as I'm still mixed up.

Saturday October 13, 1962. Sang two songs and served for the Elders Quorum Banquet.

Sunday October 14, 1962. Went to church with Richard.

Tuesday October 16, 1962. Voice lesson. Third discussion with Dave and Loretta.

Wednesday October 17, 1962. Richard and I went to Dave and Loretta's Pentecostal meeting with them. They invited us for refreshments after.

Thursday October 18, 1962. Stopped off at Karen's to practice songs on the way to MDA. Richard was there. We went out to Murray and got me a deer license.

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Friday October 19, 1962. Went with Richard to Granite High's Homecoming program and dance with Richard. Afterward Richard asked me to marry him. I told him that the time wasn't right for me to give him an answer.

Saturday October 20, 1962. Got up at 4:00 a.m. to get ready to go deer hunting. Went out to the Uda Mountains and tramped all over the hills all morning. We didn't see anything so we went over to the Grantville mountains in the afternoon. We were so tired we couldn't climb the mountains, so we sat down in a ravine and talked. I told him my feelings about Glen and the reasons I had. I decided that Glen wasn't for me. We came home very tired. (One thing I remember that Richard always tried to have prayer when we went on dates which is something I had never had with any of the other boys I had dated.)

Sunday October 21, 1962. Went to Sunday School and Choir practice. We took Dave and Ron and Lynn to the Sacrament meeting with us. I sang "Calvary" and "The Restoration". Loretta was unable to come. After we studied a little while and then went to the M-Men Gleason Fireside.

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Tuesday October 23, 1962. Richard brought
some deer meat down and we cut and
wrapped it.

Wednesday October 24, 1962. Richard came down
to show me a car he was working on.

Thursday October 25, 1962. Richard and I dressed
like Fred and Wilma Flintstone and went to the
Mila Halloween Party. We won the prize for the
most original costumes.

Friday October 26, 1962. I went to the Pageant
"You and Eternity". that Richard's oldest sister Eva
was directing. Richard was in it. Some time
previous to this Richard had told me never
to tell him I loved him unless I felt that
I could live with him for an eternity.
That night when he took me home I
really felt that I loved Richard and
I told him so. He was very happy.
He said "Will you be mine eternally?"
Of course I said "Yes."

Saturday October 27, 1962. We went over to
Vicola's for Family Study Group. We fasted.

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Sunday October 28, 1962. Went to Sunday School. Richard came down and we studied until choir practice. After choir we sang in the 3rd ward. Then we came and got Mom & Dad and took them with us to the 12th ward. We had to sing there also. Having fasted for two days we were ready for supper. (For some time my father has been very ill and needed a wheelchair everywhere he went, when we took him to church he had to be helped in and out with the wheelchair.)

Monday October 29, 1962. Our basketball teams played 3rd ward and lost. Richard took me home, I wasn't feeling very well.

Tuesday October 30, 1962. Had fourth cottage meeting. Bro. Jensen was ill so Bro. Julian West came in his stead. It was a very interesting meeting.

Wednesday October 31, 1962. I lost my breakfast this morning. At noon I met Richard at the Seagull Monument on Temple square. We walked down to Auerbachs and ate lunch. We had to take it easy so I would feel okay. After lunch we went from one jewelry store to another looking at rings. We finally found

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Thursday Nov 1, 1962. I stayed home
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he came down to see me.

Friday November 2, 1962. Richard called from
downtown. He was having car trouble when
he went to get the ring. My mother wouldn't
think of letting me go downtown after
dark and couldn't understand why
he had called me, so I took my mother
with me. Richard left his car downtown
and came home with us. After mom went
into the house he gave me the ring.

Then we took it in to show my parents.
My mom was so shocked that she said
"Oh no!!" Then we went & showed Richard's
family. They seemed to be real pleased.

After the initial shock was over we
planned for an April 12th wedding. Some
members of my family felt that since my
father was so ill I should postpone my
wedding, but I did not feel right about
that. I had been giving my father his
insulin shots each day and mom was
just sure she wouldn't be able to do it.

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I proceeded to teach her to do it and she got along just fine. Also I had been helping with the money quite a bit so we figured things out so that before we got married we would have their debts paid off, along with the things Richard owed we thought we would be able to make it by April 12, 1963, so we announced it in the newspaper that was on Thanksgiving Day. I went down to the Desert News and had my picture taken for the announcement.

For Christmas Richard gave me a beautiful bouquet of large white flowers. The flowers lasted for the longest time and brought sunshine into our life each day.

As our plans for the wedding progressed we could see that financially we would be able to move the date up so we did to March 1, 1963.

Several showers were given for us. Richard's sister and sister-in-law Eva Welchman and Suzanne Black gave one that couple were invited to. My sisters Alice and Viola and my sister-in-law Nancy Mammatt gave me a personal shower. A friend from the ward Eva Bentley gave me a kitchen shower at her home. And the girls I worked with at Beneficial Life gave

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We went to see our Bishop's to get our
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 our honeymoon they had to write out 5
 different recommends. (Since that time only one is required for all)

February 16, 1963. Saturday. We traveled to temple
 Manti Temple and went through the temple
 to receive our our endowments. After the
 session we were almost tempted to go ahead and
 get married that day but since not very
 many of our relatives were there we decided
 against it. We drove over to Sugarville and
 stayed at June and Gene for the weekend.

Thursday February 28. We traveled to Logan
 where we stayed over night with our friends
 Bob and Donna Webster. Donna and I lay
 awake a good portion of the night talking and
 Jim sure Bob and Richard did the same.

Friday March 1, 1963. Our wedding day.
 We fasted. Bright and early we went to the
 Logan Temple to prepare for our wedding. It
 was a stormy day and many of our
 relatives were having a difficult time getting
 there. That day also Brother and Sister
 Peter Stans from the 12th ward were being
 sealed along with their children. There
 were so many people there that the temple

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officiators sent those who were going to be sealed and as many as could on the first session and then the rest came through on a later session. We waited in the celestial room for the rest of the rest of the company to witness our marriage. We were sealed in a large sealing room along with Brother and Sister Stan. The sealing was a very choice experience to me. It couldn't have been more perfect. (By way of contrast in April of this same year Richard's younger brother George and Judy Pelton were married in her parents home by Bishop Nelson. After our wedding and the wonderful spirit there, I was really disappointed in a civil wedding.)

After the ceremony we went down to the cafeteria in the temple and had a bite to eat. We then traveled back to Salt Lake City and stopped at ZCMI to purchase Temple Shirts for each of us as this was the only article of temple clothing we lacked. Now we had what we needed to visit the temples on our honeymoon.

We got Richard's parents' Valiant station wagon and my parents' car. We had the

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Valiant in the garage of the house we had rented at 573 East 3982 So. Then we locked it since it was the car we were taking on our honeymoon. Then we took the other car and got our things to get ready for the reception which was held in the cultural hall of the building at 4558 So 6th East. We had a very nice reception with dancing through the evening and a program played at 9:30. The janitor did not realize that we wanted a microphone so we did not have one and it was difficult to hear the program. After the program we danced a wedding waltz of "O. Love You Truly". Then we... cut the cake and looked at our gifts. After a few more dances Richard rushed me out the west door and there was Pete waiting for us in his car. His car had been painted up and had tin cans tied on the back. We sped out with Richard at the wheel and Pete and I punched down out of sight. We really went on a joy ride with a car right on our tail. We thought it was Keith Redmond and his pals but after awhile Richard wasn't so sure because it didn't go over the bumps like a truck would.

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Finally he pulled up and it was Kent and Cannon Dodge who had been following us. So we traded into their car and they drove us to the home we had rented.

Richard carried me across & he then told something he probably wouldn't be able to do now.

A few days prior to this we had shampooed the carpet and the heat had not yet been turned on which we didn't know. Consequently the carpet had not completely dried. In our effort to keep the place we were renting a secret we had not moved very much of our things into it yet. Not even the bed. Richard had a couple of pieces of horse hair which we placed on the floor next to the fireplace, built a fire in the fireplace and slept on the floor. Needless to say without heat we had a cold night and an even colder shower in the morning.

Saturday March 2, 1963. After getting breakfast and picking up what things we needed to take with us we left for St. George. After traveling all day

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showers was minus a label. We opened
it this night. It was a creamy looking
white substance which we thought might
be a topping until we tasted it only
to discover it to be similar.

Sunday, March 3, 1963. Attended church
in St. George and went to a young marrieds
fireside in the evening.

Monday the 4th. went up to the canyons
drove around collected different colors
of soil. (When we got home we strained
them and put together a bottle with....
different colors alternating.) We traveled
over ~~to~~ into Arizona to what used to be
Short Creek where a group of polygamists
live. They have changed the name to
"Colorado City." The people were building
adobe houses and the red soil made it
look like brick.

Tuesday the 5th we went through a
session at the St. George temple and we
were given the opportunity of doing some
sealings. After lunch we headed in the
direction of Arizona across the desert. Beautiful
country. We crossed the Navajo Bridge

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going across the Colorado River. That evening we stayed at a motel in Flagstaff, Arizona. Early Wednesday the 6th, we traveled on to Mesa. Just out of Flagstaff was a huge forest. This was the first real forest I had ever seen in person and I was very impressed. In Mesa we got a motel and looked over the town and Temple grounds. This is a beautiful temple and the grounds are lovely. We sort of fell in love with Mesa.

Thursday the 7th, we went to a Temple session and stayed in Mesa another evening. Then Friday the 8th, we traveled toward California and arrived in Los Angeles about 6:00 p.m. We stayed at the Desert Motel. Saturday the 9th we visited Knolls Berry Farm. Sunday the 10th attended Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting. Monday the 11th, I went through a session at the Los Angeles Temple. In the afternoon we took a ride out along the beach and gathered shells. It was chilly but we loved it. This was a first for me again as I had never seen the ocean before. It is very fascinating. Tuesday the 12th, went to Marineland and enjoyed that very much. Wednesday the 13th, went to Disneyland and about 5:35 we started out across the

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one and not being too sleepy we drove
on into St. George. (Those last few
miles were terrible trying to stay awake.)

Thursday the 14th we drove in into
Salt Lake and moved our furniture and
other belongings over to our home.

Friday the 15th traveled to Sugarville to
the open house which June and Gene gave
to us at their home. On their way down
Richards folks ran into a terrible storm and
went back to Salt Lake.

.... The days and weeks and months ahead..
were happy ones filled with adjustments
to a new way of life. We bought a calf and
let it run in Mr Connor's pasture.

One day at work my friend Grace said
she wanted to sell her piano as she was getting
married and moving to Georgia. Since I have
always wanted to have a piano I went home to check
with Richard that night. It seems that the very
same day Richard had bought an old Lincoln
to fix up and sell. He had brought it home and
parked it in the garage. Needless to say I got the
piano. We only paid \$95.00 for it.

Date Spring 1963

When we met Richard was doing mechanical work for a living. He started working for Lloyd Neff on 9th East and 3900 So. His hours were from 8-6 but more nights than not he had to stay later. He received a commission on the jobs he finished with a guarantee of \$75.00 a week.

Richard fixed up the old Lincoln he had bought and it always seemed to have something wrong with it. After investing about \$300.00 we called a man who had a used furniture store and a car lot next door. He agreed to trade it for something else. We needed a washer real bad because I was having to take our clothes down... to Mom's to wash every week. So we took the Lincoln down and came home with a used washer.

He continued working for Beneficial Life Insurance until August of 1963.

The home we rented was right close to the ward boundary lines. Because Richard knew quite a number of people from the Millerick 1st Ward we started attending that ward. Our neighbors across the street go to the 2nd ward.

Date Spring 1963

Bishop Green was Bishop then. We wanted to be missionaries so we asked the Bishop to see if he could get us called. This he did. (I have thought many times that we were wrong in doing this because we were trying to tell the Lord where he wanted us to serve rather than letting him decide. We did have some wonderful experiences and saw several people accept the gospel. One was an elderly gentleman in his 90's. Another was 2nd families ^{married} Irwin with small children. The husbands were brothers. The home life in both homes left a lot to be desired. The one family when they heard the gospel really tited and we could see a change slowly coming into their lives. The other family I had a little more difficult time. The father was not interested at all and didn't do much but drink. They had two sons who were baptized, but because of the poor home life had difficulty staying out of trouble. One time we had to go visit them at the Detention Home.

Richard was ordained a Seventy 4, September 1963 by Antoine R. Irwin.

Richard and Glenda received Type I Salmon oral vaccine March 23, 1963

Another family (a very large one) named Ray lived in a double decker trailer house north of the then stake house on main street and 39th So. Since that time the new stake house has been built at about 4th East and 4200 South. This family seemed very interested. The wife described a dream she had and in the dream she had entered the chapel of the church home. She could describe the church almost perfect. We worked with this family quite some time but they just couldn't quite make it to baptism. They really had quite a word of wisdom problem. We... never have... found out... what happened to them. We learned a lot of lessons of life through these experiences on a stake mission.

We spent time during the summer months looking for a home to live. Finally we wondered if it would be possible to buy the one we were renting so we approached Mr. Connor. He wasn't too excited but agreed to think it over. I believe his wife Chazene encouraged him to sell it to us.

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Finally in September he agreed to sell the home to us for \$11,500.00. We came up with \$350.00 for a down payment with a payment of \$80.00 per month. When we moved here the back yard was nothing but an uneven weed patch. The first year we attempted a small garden. We planted some tomato plants and put a little commercial fertilizer in each hole as we planted them. The next day all of the tomato plants were burned up. The fertilizer had been too hot for them. Since that time we have learned much about gardening and never use commercial fertilizer on our garden but use good old... manure.....

Richards parents had a Navaho girl named Luke living with them. When fall came Richard approached me with the thought that we might take one into our home. We applied and when the day came went down to the BYU to get him. He turned out to be a 13 year old boy named Victor Becenti from Tschatchi, New Mexico. This turned out to be a real experience. Here we were a newly married couple still adjusting to

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each other and married life. We had no experience raising children. We were on a stake mission and had to leave him home alone many nights. I'm sure we did many things wrong that we probably wouldn't do now but one can never tell. He had just been baptized prior to his coming into the Indian Placement program. We probably did some good in his life as far as teaching him something about the gospel. We feel that he did grow in this respect.

Both of his parents worked and drove brand new vehicles. We felt that their values were a little bit in the wrong places, but I feel this is probably true with most Indians.

Victor's parents came to visit us at Christmas that year.

I was expecting a baby in February and on a Saturday night I went into the ^{LOS} hospital about 7 p.m. Very early Sunday ^{February 23, 1964} morning, 12:58 a.m. to be exact. Dr. Eugene Wood delivered a 7 lb 7 oz 20 inch long baby boy. He had red hair, and was fair skinned. He lost 7 oz. before we brought him home. I nursed the Pediatrician was Dr. Evans.

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On Sunday April 12, 1964 in the Millbrook First Ward he was given the name of Guy Lamoigne Black by his father Richard Evans Black.

About this time with the expense of a Navaho boy and a new baby we found ourselves getting further and further behind in our finances. One night a salesman came to our door. We listened to his pitch and saw the product which was the Baby-Mate line of baby furniture. Of course like all new parents we wanted new things for our baby and we hadn't become calloused to salesmen. so we wanted to buy but no money. The salesman, Al Vandervort, suggested that Richard go to work selling Baby-Mate furniture.

At first Richard did it part-time, then full time. In order to sell he had to buy a complete set of baby furniture and a 16 mm projector and a film. This all amounted to around \$1,000.00. After a short while the guy who owned the franchise talked us into buying a franchise where supposedly we were to get a larger

percentage. We bought Chuck Penrose's inventory, (which by the way wasn't all that much good. Most of it was odds and ends or things that weren't selling very well. All of this plus the franchise put us on another contract for around \$6,000.00. Well the payments for these two contracts only made the financial situation worse. As Richard was not one who could hard sell anyone (neither am I) many of the demonstrations did not result in a concrete sale. Also many of those that did sign a contract fiddled out because of poor credit. Instead of giving us free run of the franchise! we had supposedly purchased Chuck Penrose kept an upper hand in what went on. Salesmen were hired and it almost seemed that they were selling the salesmen baby furniture instead of getting salesmen who would go out and sell it.

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After awhile we became suspicious of us
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 Richard met with him and Chuck Penrose.
 A compromise was worked out that Richard
 would be given the Ogden area to work.
 So came the time of a trip to Ogden
 each day trying to get it set up and
 trying to make a go of it. We were
 spending more money for gas, office, phone
 etc than we were actually bringing
 in through sales and we gradually started
 falling behind on our payments. Richard
 was gone night and day and even
 holidays trying to make it work. I
 remember that he was gone on Labor
 Day and as I had planned on
 planting the back lawn then I went
 ahead and prepared it & planted it
 myself. Well things kept getting worse
 and I'm sure that the pressure that
 was being created was not helping but
 hindering Richard's effectiveness. One day

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a man came and issued a warrant. We took this to a lawyer, Victor Spencer. The bank that had the contract on the baby furniture and the franchise was suing us and the amount including the interest was overwhelming. After talking to the lawyer we visited with Bishop Green about the situation. We did not want to declare bankruptcy but it seemed the only way. We would have never been able to provide a family as it would have taken all we could ever get together to pay them off. So finally after much thought, counsel and prayer we decided that was the thing we must do. We filed bankruptcy on Dec 8, 1964. The only creditor who gave us trouble was Blomquist of Granite Credit. We had purchased a Rambler station wagon through him. He tried to pick up the car without a disclaimer which the lawyer had warned us against giving anything to anybody unless they had a disclaimer from the bankruptcy court. After he had picked up the car he still tried to get us to make payment on the car. We had also been

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it. The lawyer had to take care of the
legal matters on that one too. Three years
after Mr. Blomquist wrote us a letter telling us
that he needed some money in a hurry and
that if we could pay a certain amount he
would wipe the slate clean. The lawyer
advised us to ignore this which we did.
..... We learned... much about life from this
experience and are still learning from it.
One thing that stands out is not to believe
that someone who is active in the church
and uses the church as a calling card in
his business is necessarily honest. Charles
Penrose was a returned missionary, went
to the temple regularly and other things
but he was not 100% honest in his
dealings with us.

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Another bit of advice I would offer would be to have all of the legal ramifications checked out before entering into any kind of business and be very cautious in signing contracts.

When Richard started selling he was busy most nights so he had to ask for a release from the stake mission. We were both placed in positions on the stake Sunday school board. We have felt that this was a mistake to see again counsel the Lord as to where he wanted us to serve. One thing I learned from the Stake Sunday School Superintendent was that if you ran out of materials to cover it was time to close and go home. I strongly believe in this.

In June of 1964 my mother and father moved into one of Ma Cannon's house rentals at 576 East 13900 So. This is a very comfortable home probably nicer than any home they have ever had. Not long after they moved I was staying with my Dad.

When President C. Mark Wright set me apart for the stake Sunday school board he promised that most of my posterity would be priesthood holders.

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one evening while Mom had gone somewhere.
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 back to the hospital but we did not know
 what to do, so an ambulance was called
 and we took him into the LDS Hospital.

He was in a great deal of pain and
 suffering for about 2 weeks. And then on
 July 20, 1964 he was relieved of all this
 pain and suffering that he had lived
 with for so long. We as a family even
 felt a relief. What he could pass
 on to the other side.

.... The Millcreek 1st Ward had been assigned
 a float for the July 24th parade and Richard
 and I were the ones in charge, as we
 had been working with the youth committee
 through the stake mission. We had a
 lot to learn and practically tried to do
 it all ourselves. The Woodruff twins and
 Anita Whipple came to help but most
 of it fell on our shoulders.

My father's death came in the middle
 of this and we spent several days in

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Delta for the funeral which was held July 23. Almost immediately after the funeral we rushed back to Salt Lake City and away early the morning of the 24th to put the finishing touches on the float. It left a lot to be desired but again we learned many things through this experience. Much of what we have done especially in those earlier years have not turned out too fantastic, but have been great stepping stones toward learning and doing something better. I guess after all, that is the whole idea of trying things in this life.

September 27, 1964 Richard became the Seventies Ward Welfare Representative for the Millersicks 1st Ward.

September 1964 Glenda became a Primary teacher in the Millersicks 1st Ward.

In January of 1964 Richard and I completed a prenatal course at the LDS Hospital.

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We were now unemployed. Richard's parents let us work at their cleaning shop. Not having a car to drive we bought a DKW truck from Pete Black and we used this in the Dry Cleaning work. We started a Dry Cleaning Route. Between this time and the summer of 1969 we did many kinds of things for employment. Dry cleaning which we stopped in the spring of 1967 because we were going in the whole on it. Mechanical work: Richard worked part time again for Floyd Neff and then finally we built a garage and he did mechanical work at home in between other jobs. In the fall of 1965 we didn't really have any employment other than occasionally doing dry cleaning and for a couple of months during the summer Richard had helped Pete remodel his house for which he got paid. The stake was having a fund raising show to help pay for some heavy expenses. The show was \$100.00 per ticket. We talked about

it and finally decided to take the last \$200.00 I we could scrape together and go. The very next day the supervisor at the Granite Bus Garage called Richard if he would drive school bus. This seemed to be just what we needed at the time. It gave us the security of a regular paycheck and health insurance. It also gave Richard time to work on cars in between bus runs. During the summer of 1967 we watered school lawns. The summer of 1968-69 Richard drove cement truck for Utah Land and Gravel.

..... This might be a good place to list the vehicles we have had from our marriage up to now 1976.

We started out with a Blue 52 Ford that Richard bought ^{for \$15.00} just before we were married. About six weeks after we were married Richard's younger brother, George, decided to get married. He needed a car so we traded him the 52 Ford for a Roadrunner he had. We had been using my parent's car, a 54 Chev, so we still had one we could use. When my father died we paid my mother \$250.00 for it. We sold it later to Roger Shultz, my nephew. Of course there

was the '54 Lincoln that Richard bought and fixed up to sell. Next we bought a '60 Rambler Station Wagon for \$1400.00. We traded some Baby Note Furniture to Joe Fisher for a Bicycle built for two which we later sold to a friend of George's on contract and never did receive all of the money. We finished off the payments ^{at} \$225.00 on a DKW Van that Pete had. We later traded this for a trailer made from a ^{for} \$125.00 pickup bed. We bought a '54 Cher Wagon that never was very nice. It was quite beat up. We then bought a '52 Cher from Don Budman's relative and put the motor from the '54 Cher wagon in it. Next we bought a '60 Ford Econoline Van for \$600.00. We used it on the dry cleaning route until we decided not to run a route. We then traded it to a man for an Opel and a camp trailer. About this time we bought an old 49 Cher 3/4 ton truck which we called Sowbelly. We never did have it running for us but later traded it to Leon Christensen for labor on our house. We have traded for many things like Reno Ware.

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Next we bought a '59 Rambler Wagon from Darrell Allred for \$250.00. The engine threw a rod so we bought a '64 Chev wagon in 1969 for \$875.00. In 1972 we bought a '66 Dodge wagon ^{for \$900.00} and gave the '64 Chev wagon to Mom and Dad Black. It got wrecked. The '66 Dodge wagon gave up on us in April 1975 so we bought a '64 Dodge Dart ^{for \$250.00}. It is just right for a paper route and going to work but kind of small for the whole family. So we purchased a '69 Chrysler wagon in May 1975 for \$950.00. October 1977 we purchased a 1973 Dodge van that used to be an Ambulance. Sold it when we moved to Connecticut. Got a 1977 Dodge van - a company car - we pay \$50.00 per month.

From records kept.....
June 18, 1965. Guy and I went to the zoo with Grandma Black and Ann. When we got back and were getting out of the car Guy put his hands in the car door just as Ann closed it. We drove him to the Cottonwood hospital where Dr. Marion Probert sewed his hand up. It took 15 stitches. He did a beautiful job of sewing Guy's hand. He gave Guy his first of the DPT shots. He got his second on August 2, 1965 and his third on August 27, 1965.

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On a Friday morning 6:57 a.m. of November 5, 1965 at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah Dr Eugene Wood delivered our second child, and first daughter. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. She had black hair with a red cast to it, with a darker complexion. Her eyes were brown. She lost 7 oz. in the hospital and gained 1 oz. back before we brought her home.

On Sunday December 5, 1965 she was blessed and given the name of Laura Black by her father Richard Evan Black at the Millersville First Ward.

..... December 6, 1965. Guy was ill and couldn't go see Laura. Blessed. We took him to Dr. Green. He said he had tonsillitis and gave him a penicillin shot and one the next day. He measured 32 1/2 inches tall

Nov 22 1965. Guy ^{more} really likes his little baby sister and is getting to be a big boy now. He repeats everything we say and is starting to put two and three words together to form sentences. I have been doing exercises to get myself back into shape. He saw the pictures in the book showing me how to do them. He brought it to me and said "Ek." I told him it was

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mommy exercises, so now he goes around with the book saying "Ee-er-ain."

Laura still sleeps most of the time at 17 days, however, when she is awake she is very responsive. She follows you with her eyes and comes very close to smiling.

Richard keeps busy learning a living and trying to do his best in serving the Lord. At the present time he is the Laureties group leader in the Millcreek 1st ward (being sustained September 24 1964.) He is also in charge of the Youth Missionary Committee and is the Teachers Quorum Adviser. In addition to this he is on the Stake Sunday school board. We feel that the Lord has truly blessed us during the past year.

December 7, 1965. Laura is now smiling at us. We had her blessed last Sunday December 5. She slept all through Church. Those attending of the family were her Mommy and Daddy, Grandma Memmoth, Uncle Melvin, Nancy and Melanie, Don and Karen, George, Judy, Shawn and Carol. Chandra Black. Grandma Black stayed home with Guy as he wasn't feeling well. Viola, Carroll and kids came, but were too late to help with the blessing. Richard gave her a real good blessing. Everyone came over

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 especially her pacifier. Richard and
 I are busy making Christmas presents.
 It is lots of fun.

December 20, 1965. Laura is 6 weeks old.
 She weighed 10 lbs. 14 oz. was 22 1/2 inches
 long and in good health. The second
 PKU test was done.

A new center for producing arts is opening soon. We purchased stock in Valley Music Hall. It is to be a Theatre in the round in North Salt Lake.

January 7, 1966. Laura is growing very rapidly. She will smile and goo and one time it almost sounded like she laughed out loud. We had a lovely Christmas. Between Christmas and New Years we went to Sugarville and stayed with June and Gene for a couple of days. Richard has started work on enlarging the kitchen and fixing another bedroom in the garage. Both Guy and Laura have colds. We had our first family home evening of the year last night.

January 13, 1966. Guy loves us to read him books and write for him. He has a favorite picture he calls Fanny Don. He is getting pretty good at drawing by himself. Mostly circles and dots, but he is learning. Laura is really eating good. She smiles nearly all the time now. We found a man who was willing to trade floor coverings, paints, etc. for mechanical work on his car. Richard

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fixed his car and we got enough
linoleum to put on our kitchen floor.
(This was when our kitchen was smaller.)
I am really excited about getting our
house done.

February 14, 1966. We have knocked
the wall out in the kitchen and put up
a new one. Now all we have to do is
paint and put on the floor coverings.
Laura sits up really well now and
holds herself erect most of the time. She
can also turn over. She weighs 15 1/2
pounds. Guy has just about mastered
every word in his vocabulary and is
learning new ones each day. We have
a fellow who is working for us on the
Dry Cleaning Route whose name is
Chad Pugh. He can even say that,
in fact it is a novelty with him.
Guy measured 33 1/4 inches tall and weighed
24 pounds.

February 21, 1966. Took the Children to
the Doctor for complete physical checkups.
They were both in good health. Guy
received his measles vaccine. He needs
a DPT Booster, Polio series and smallpox

Guy weighed 23 pounds and his height was $34\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Laura weighed 15 pounds 3 oz. Height: $26\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

March 20, 1966. Glenda was called and sustained as 2nd counselor in the Millbrook First Ward Primary Presidency. Maidsa Douglas is the President and Mary Peacock 1st Counselor.

March 29, 1966. Laura is eating junior foods now. She grasps at things in front of her and she will play real good with toys. She loves to sit up in her table or stroller. She handles crackers and cookies real well.

Guy has grown in his ability to express himself. He will tell you something .. and .. end up by .. saying "I. Okay?". Then .. if .. he wants to do something he will say "do it again now, give me, Okay?"

We have a couple dozen chickens and have built a chicken coop out of glass crates out back. The garden has been tilled up and manure spread. So far we have only planted potatoes. The ground looks very workable this year.

May 8, 1966 Glenda set apart as 2nd Counselor in the Primary by Bishop Melvin F. Burt.

About this time Richard was called as the Priests adviser.

April 18, 1966.

Laura is rolling all over now and is trying hard to crawl. She is at a thrust period of trying to do things, but not quite able to manage it. She still cries whenever I leave her or someone else takes her. She doesn't even quit crying for her daddy when he takes her.

Guy has been ill and at the same time is trying his parents' patience. I hope and pray that we find a solution to help him overcome whatever is bothering him.

June 19, 1966. Today is Father's day. Laura crawls everywhere she wants to go. She stands up next to furniture and walks around them. She pulls herself up and tries to climb. Right now she is standing in her crib putting her toes in the little holes of nylon webbing and trying to climb out. It is nothing for her to stand up and turn

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around in her stroller. The other day she fell out onto the lawn. She is really growing up and getting better about being left. Friday we went to a Temple session and left the kids with Dorcie and Lisa.

Guy is growing in leaps and bounds. He and Laura play good together. He is real good about staying in the yard when he is outside. We went fishing not too long ago and he was sure excited about it. When we ate breakfast we asked him if he wanted some. He said "No, I gotta go fishin." He expresses himself very well and is starting to eat better now that he can go outside and play. We have a run built for the chickens and I have painted the chicken coop and am working on painting the trim of the house. We bought enough blocks to build a garage and fence.

June 22, 1966. Guy got a smallpox vaccination, his DPT Booster, and the first series of polio sugar cubes. Height: $34\frac{1}{2}$ inches Weight: $25\frac{1}{4}$ pounds. Laura had her 1st of the series of DPT shots and the 1st of the Polio. Height 29 inches Weight 20 pounds.

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July 14, 1966. Laura got her first tooth
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July 27, 1966. Guy talks in sentences and
thoughts now. He can tell you nearly every-
thing. Laura has two teeth and is working
on another one. She is starting to stand
up by herself in the middle of the
floor. The children certainly enjoy going
outside especially at night to cool off.
Guy always notices the airplanes. He
shows us that they have lights at
night. The other day he saw one
in the daytime and said. "That one
not got a light on it?". So I explained
that they don't have lights on in
the daytime. Ever since. He has been
quick to point this fact out to everyone.
He said that the airplane took the
moon away and the next night
brought it back. Actually what happened
was the moon went behind a cloud
as the airplane went by and this is
where he got that idea. We are
getting a few eggs from the chickens
but not enough yet to keep us supplied.

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Eva and Arnell have moved to a beautiful new home in West Jordan. It has an acre of ground. We are going together to raise a beef and a garden. We took a trip to Delta and got a trailer load of posts from my father's yard in Sugarville. When Arnell put them up he really straightened out those crooked posts.

Eva had an old dishwater she gave to us. We weren't too crazy over it. So we traded it to some people for a calf and put on Eva and Arnell's ground. We also had another beef and a sheep. The dog got into the sheep and killed it. So... Day one of the... beef ate some wet alfalfa and bloated and died. We did get to butcher the other beef and split it with Eva and Arnell. We got a lot of good things off the garden, but it was too far a distance to have to travel to take care of and harvest a garden.

August 29, 1966. Laura started walking today. She walked clear across Grandma Black's frontroom all by herself.

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August 31, 1966 Laura received her #2 shot of DPT and #2 polio cubes. Guy had the #2 polio sugar cubes.

September 19, 1966. Our chickens are laying better now. We haven't bought any eggs for nearly a month. Laura has four teeth and is walking and climbing all over. She loves to play with toys and is very quick with things. We have a little black pitter that the children really love. Every time Guy goes outside the cat is in his arms. When Laura sees it she says "Ki Ki Ki Ki." Guy is starting to sing little songs that he hears us sing.

Our old rocking chair had broken down, so I placed it in the garage. Karen and Don let us take theirs for a little while. One day Guy was admiring the chair and he said, "Is our other rocking chair dead?" We also bought a 1948 Chev 3/4 ton flat bed truck which we will need on a farm we are planning on buying. Guy went with Richard to look at it and when he heard we were going to buy it he said, "What we going to do with two trucks?" We had the 60 Econoline Van.

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We have looked at some farms in Orangerville, Utah and we seem to like the town. My nephew Roger Shurtz is leaving on a two year mission to Scotland today. We went to the farewell at the assembly hall last night. Richard is still driving school bus. In between he works as a mechanic at Neff Motor.

November 5, 1966. Today Laura is one year old. She is certainly growing up fast. She understands things very well.

November 22, 1966. I am weaning Laura. She doesn't think she likes the idea. I am surprised each day at the things she understands. . . . When I tell her to lay down so I can change her pants, or find her shoe and bring it to Mommy, or today we were in the kitchen and I said "Let's go into the front room." Away she went towards the front room.

December 18, 1966. Elder Marion G. Romney dedicated the Millcreek 1st Ward Chapel.

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December 30, 1966. The children were really
 excited about Christmas. They got completely
 outfitted with clothes. Laura got a new
 little dress and rompers. Guy got a cute
 little top coat from Alice and Frank. I
 made shirts and dresses alike for all of
 us. I have been going to the Genealogical
 Society quite regularly, but haven't proven
 anything to extend my pedigree any further.

Laura has quite a temper which I
 hope she outgrows it soon. Laura measured
 32 1/2 inches tall. Weight: 22 pounds. Guy was
 36 3/4 inches tall. Weight: 27 pounds.

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January 8, 1967. Some time ago we purchased a second hand desk and stored it in the garage.

Several times I had tried to get Richard to bring it into the house and fix a place for it so we could start using it, but all in vain. Yesterday (Saturday) out of the clear blue he brought it in and fixed a spot for it in the dining room. At this time he was Seventies Group Leader and, therefore, attended Executive meeting each Sunday morning. This morning President C. Mark Wright, the Stake President was there. Bishop Melvin J. Bent was Bishop at the time Richard was called in after Executive meeting and given the call to be the ward clerk. He was then ordained a High Priest by President Wright. Afterward Richard said that he felt an urgency to get the desk ready for something although he didn't know what. Richard continued to serve as Advisor to the Priest Quorum while he was ward clerk. Don Jerry was telling us that the wife is very important in the ward clerk calling as she will help a great deal and help train new ward members. I am sure we will enjoy it and it will bring many blessings and much growth.

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18 Jan 1967 - Richard set apart as Ward Clerk.
 February 21, 1967. Yesterday, Richard and I went
 to a temple session at the Salt Lake Temple
 and were asked to be the witnesses. Laura
 and Guy are both growing rapidly.

April 10, 1967 Work is progressing very
 slowly on building a garage for Richard
 to do his mechanical work. Richard just
 finished doing an overhaul on an oldsmobile
 in trade for some bartile roofing for the
 garage. He is now working on Kent Dodge's
 truck in trade for half a beef. We have
 the trench for the footing nearly dug and
 need to get the money for the cement.

.... Guy and Laura. Just love to go outside.
 The first thing in the morning that
 is the first place they want to go. This
 is making them a lot more independant.
 They have started sleeping in their own
 bedroom alone. Laura usually awakens
 during the night and comes in with us.
 Guy loves having home nights and is really
 developing a deep understanding of Heavenly
 Father for a three year old. He can
 say prayers by himself and does a a real
 good job.

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February 21, 1967. (missed this one for the last page) Laura is starting to say words and has been for sometime. Some of the words she has mastered and knows the meanings of are: Go, rabbit, shoe, stocking, get down. She tries to say everything she hears someone else say. We took away her bottle last night. She slept much better than she has with a bottle. She has developed quite a temper and is hard to reason with when she gets mad, but she is getting better. She loves to go places and at just the mention of going she runs to "Bulgy" on coat rack for her coat.

..... May 1967 ... As ... Richard ... was ... Priest's ... Adm ... we went with the Bishopric and the Aaronic Priesthood on an outing to Flaming Gorge. We had just recently traded the Excelsior Van for an Opel and a camp trailer. Brother Halling pulled the trailer behind his truck for us. While we were there Guy caught his first fish and was so excited he ran all the way back to camp with it to show to Mommy.

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May 13, 1967 Laura received her measles vaccine at the measles clinic.

July 14, 1967 Guy goes to Jr. Sunday School real well now and really enjoys it. Last Sunday he said the opening prayer and this Sunday he is going to give the Sacrament of Elem. We asked him where he got his red hair and he said he bought it at the store for \$7.00.

Work is coming along on the garage. We have the block all laid. Wayne Van Halbenburg helped us put it up in trade for fixing his cement mixer. We have found some free lumber just for tearing it down.... at the University Village, but now Richard doesn't have time to tear it down. He has been loaded with work this week.

One morning in February we woke and heard strange noises in the furnace. We decided it would be best to turn it off and have it checked. The company (Heatercraft) told us it needed to be replaced and they could not turn the gas back on. They claimed that the gas company wouldn't even turn

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it back on until it was replaced. Well, not knowing quite what to do and needing some place warm to stay we stayed at Mom and Dad Black's for 2 or 3 nights. One day we were over to our house trying to decide what to do when we looked out the back door and saw a deer in the parking lot. I jumped across the fence into Mr. Connor's field then another fence and kept heading west. We called the Desert News and they came out and pursued it. They finally had to shoot it so it wouldn't be a hazard to cars on 7th East. We got \$5.00 for reporting it to the Desert News and Richard got his name in the newspaper.....

28 May 1967, released as 2nd Counselor in Primary and sustained as 1st Counselor to Maida Douglas

20 Aug 1967 released as 1st counselor to Maida Douglas and sustained as 1st counselor to Jo Ann Allen

30 Aug 1967 set apart 1st counselor by L. Duwain Love.

November 1, 1967. Last Sunday Guy gave a little talk in Jr. Sunday School. He memorized it real well and gave it really loud and clear. He weighs 30 pounds and is 3 ft 2 1/4 in tall. He is completely toilet trained now and has been for some time now.

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her hand and takes really good care of
her. She goes to the bathroom now and
has done for about one month. She
has very few accidents. She weighs 29
pounds and is 2ft 2 1/4 inches tall.

November 12, 1967. We have just about
completed the garage. There are very
few things left to do. The only major thing
is the front door for which we'll have to wait
a while until finances get a little better.

We have been going down to welfare
square with several different wards and
canning food for our own use. This has
really been a big boon to our food
storage. We are convinced that this is a
good way to get foods put away in large
quantities. This past summer we had a
garden together with Eva and Arnell which
really helped out with the food during the
summer and I was able to save quite a
bit to put away.

We are expecting another baby in two
weeks. The tables have been turned around
from what I mentioned in April. Now I
can't get Laura to leave her bed to come

sleep with us, but Guy woke up in the middle of the night and comes in with us. It is funny how things change around. They are both excited about the new baby coming.

November 13, 1967. This morning when I woke up I had a small showing of blood. I called Dr. Wood. He said that when I felt like the contractions were going to do some good to come into the office and let him check me. Eva came in and stayed with me during the morning. Around noon I went into the Dr. By three o'clock I was in the ¹⁰³ hospital. The contractions were coming approximately every minute and lasting for one minute. They gradually increased in intensity and pain until Dr. Wood arrived about 7:30 p.m. He immediately gave me a paracervical block and I broke the bag of waters. Then things really started happening. At 8:20 I was in the delivery room and the baby was born at 8:39 p.m. He was a fine looking red-headed boy weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. Everything seemed to be fine so they sent me down to my room about 10:00 p.m. I was

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About 12:30 am through the night I called to nurse in to check me as I felt my flow was overly heavy and I felt myself getting weaker. As I was hemorrhaging they quickly gave me some medicine in the Valium I already had attached to me, through the vein. About 2:00 a.m. they took me back up to recovery where I was given a pint of blood. As I remember Alvin was the harriest baby I had ever seen. small ears

..... December 18, 1967. Alvin is 5 weeks old. Took him to Dr. Evans for a checkup. He discovered that his feet turn in just a little too much. I was told to exercise them with every diaper change. He has been eating solid foods since he was about two weeks old and as of now he eats close to 8 oz of solids each day. At his checkup he weighed 11 lbs 2 oz and was 23 inches long. He also had the 2nd part of his PKU test.

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January 2, 1968. At about 3 weeks Alvin started smiling at us. At about 5 weeks he could turn from his stomach to his back. At about 7 weeks which was yesterday he kicked all his covers off through the night two different times.

January 7, 1968 Alvin was blessed at the Millcreek 1st Ward by his father Richard Evan Black and given the name of Alvin Dale Black.

February 3, 1968. Took Alvin to see Dr Evans for a checkup. He weighs 13 lbs. 10 oz. and is nearly 25 inches long. Dr Evans said he would need casts put on his legs.

February 8, 1968... D. took Alvin into Dr Smoot who put a cast on both of his legs.

One week later D took Alvin back and had the casts changed. This time he turned his feet straight out, in fact they were turned a little toward the back.

At about 6 months Alvin started to belly crawl. He scoots across the floor on his tummy. At 6 1/2 to 7 months he started walking around things and about 7 to 7 1/2 months started pulling himself up to his crib. Now at 8 months he really gets around. He can pull himself up to nearly everything that is low enough to reach.

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biting me. I told him "No" but to no avail.
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and not let go. After two or three days
of this it became very sore. Finally I had
to just wear him immediately. He got along
just fine but I sure suffered. My mother
told me about using butter and salt to
relieve the caking in my breast. This worked
really well.

March 4, 1968. Guy received the 3rd ^{stage} of the
Polio vaccine. Laura received the 3rd ^{stage} of the
polio vaccine and also DPT. Alvin had the
1st. of his DPT. and polio.

July 11, 1968. Alvin had the 2nd DPT
and polio.

July 6, 1968. Laura went with her Daddy
and Brother Guy over to Grandpa Black's
cleaning shop. While there they had some
soda pop. When they came home she
came running to her mommy and said,
"We had some popy sop." She has also
spoken backwards until just recently. For
example she would say "I" "Me want drink
water, unsh" or "Me want to go." We could
never be sure if she wanted something
or didn't want it until she was all

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through with the sentence. When she first discovered an ice cube she coined a word to describe it and still calls it a "cold."

One day when Laura was about two years old. We were sitting at the dinner table when the phone rang. Laura spoke up and said "Phone finger."

July 14, 1968. Alvin has three words he can't say that are his favorites. They are: "Guy" "ohaw" and "he pat." He got his first tooth today and on Wed. July 17, 1968 he got another one. Both were on the bottom front. Alvin started walking at 11 months and was completely ~~weaned at 14 months~~.....

August 1968. Richard was officially given an Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States of America although he has been active in it since 1962.

1968. Glenda was given recognition for 4 years of service in the Primary organization.

December 19, 1968 Guy Height: 4 1/4 inches Weight: 36 pounds. Guy is very fascinated by copying words. He knows how to print nearly every letter of the alphabet.

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Laura Height: 39 inches. Weight: 34 pounds.
Laura has started talking pretty good by
now and is even putting sentences together
right.

When Alvin wants a drink of water he says
"Drink." He climbs up on top of everything and
gets into everything he can. Height $31\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
Weight 22 pounds. He is down to taking just
about a $1\frac{1}{2}$ hr nap and then goes to bed about
7:00 at night and sleeps until 6:30 or 7:00
the next morning. Yesterday at Primary he sat
on Santa Claus's lap. He was very fascinated
by him.

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February 23, 1969. Glanda was released as 1st counselor in the Primary and sustained as Primary inservice leader.

June 22, 1969. Today Bishop Burt and his counselors and Richard as ward clerk were released. A new Bishopric was sustained. Roy Lion Vance is the Bishop. Richard Evan Black 1st counselor and Brent Nielsen 2nd counselor. This is really a humbling and satisfying experience. It has kept Richard busy about 5 nights out of the week and most of the day Sunday at least for a month or so. We have already been greatly blessed.

July 1, 1969... We went up to the Church office building where Hartman Pastor Jr. set Richard apart as 1st counselor in the Bishopric of the Millersville 1st ward. This was a very wonderful experience and Richard received a great blessing. He was promised a large family and told that he did not need to worry about money, that he would have sufficient for his needs. He was admonished to search the scriptures and learn the ways of God. He was told also that he would be an instrument in bringing greater activity to the youth of the ward.

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Many other blessings were promised to him. When I found that I was pregnant with this baby and that I had a trace of sugar in my urine we felt that it might be best if I were released from being 1st Counselor in the Primary. When I asked for the release Bishop Burt and Brother Don Terry thought that the Lord still needed me in the Primary. I was asked to stay on as the insurance leader. I have enjoyed this very much and only through the help of my Heavenly Father have I been able to accomplish this calling well. I pray that I may..... continue to do so and continue to rely upon the Lord for guidance.

July 9, 1969. Alvin is a very happy-go-lucky child. He always seems to be smiling except of course when he has to be corrected. For the most part he is very obedient and does everything asked of him. We have rabbits, chickens, and ducks and he thinks they are just great. He is beginning to say all kinds of words, trying to repeat anything he hears someone else say. He is very independent and does things for himself as much as possible. When he does

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need help with something he comes to get you and you might as well drop everything and see what he needs because he will not give you any peace until he has been taken care of. He loves to sing and lead songs in our home nights. He really has a good set of lungs.

Albin stepped on a needle that went straight into his foot. We rushed him to the hospital. They X-Rayed it and luckily were able to get it out fairly easy.

Throughout this past year we have been working on making a bathroom out of the part that used to be a garage. We finally finished it and got moved into it just before the new baby was born.

July 17, 1969. After having picked and juiced nearly 9 bushels of apricots with the help of Richard and the children over the last couple of days it was worn out. We dried about 1 bushel more. Yesterday I had an appointment at 3:00 p.m. to see Dr. Wood. He told me that it had dilated about two

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 up what apricots I could, washed and
 hung out clothes. I was very tired and I
 had pressure pains in my legs. When
 Richard came home from Bishop's meeting
 about 9:30 I suggested we go to the store
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 hospital. Then we came home and I
 brewed up a pan of Raspberry, Decent
 Herb and K-B-11 tea. I took to the
 hospital with me. I took a shower
 and got things together to go. About
 11:30 we started for the hospital.
 I still had dilated only two centimeters,
 but they decided to keep me there.
 An hour or two later Dr Wood
 called the hospital to see how I was
 doing. When he found out that I
 had not changed much he came
 down to the hospital. As soon as
 he checked me he broke the membrane
 to the bag of waters. Then he gave me
 a sniff of the medicine that speeds

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up contractions. Immediately I had one contraction on top of each other lasting approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes with 5-10 seconds in between. This kept up with each contraction getting much harder and the pain more severe. When I was dilated to 5 centimeters the Dr. was able to give me a hypo and then he gave me a paracervical block. This immediately relieved the pain and I was able to relax. Not long after I went into the delivery room. With only a few real good bearing down pains the baby was able to come even though he was... coming posterior. At just the right moment the Dr. made the incision and the baby popped out. The next contractions brought the placenta which was about as large as the baby's head. The Dr. said that he was a nice healthy baby. I had practically no bleeding during the delivery and after. I am sure this is due mainly to my drinking raspberry leaf tea during pregnancy. I took some with me to the hospital to drink to keep

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from hemorrhaging. I have bled very little and my uterus contracted back down beautifully. Aside from being very tired and sleepy the main problem I have had with this baby is the afterpains. Everything is great so far. I have a beautiful baby boy. 7 lbs 11 oz, 19 inches long. He has black or dark hair. When I finally began nursing him he took hold and really enjoyed it. I believe he is going to be a good baby. He was born at the Salt Lake LDS Hospital Thursday morning July 17, 1969 at 5:14 a.m.

His face is shaped just a little differently from the rest of our children... He is sort of a pipe shape with a pointed chin. He has begun to develop his own personality.

I didn't even try to nurse him until he was nearly 21 hours old. Then with the nurses help we got him to start nursing and he really liked that and has nursed real well. Before he started nursing he seemed to continually spit up a yellow mucous but seems to be doing just fine now.

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The Children seem to be very excited about him. I surely appreciate my mother for watching the Children while I have been in the hospital.

July 18, 1969. Guy is really growing up. He starts kindergarten this fall. About two weeks ago I took him to the dentist Dr. Stephen Matheson. He showed him how to brush his teeth and cleaned them for him at that time. All of the Children are good helpers. They all helped real well this last week with the apricot. Even Alvin helped out.

Laura wanted a little baby sister, but she accepted a baby brother.. after a while.. For a while the only thing that registered with her was that the baby had the same color hair as she does and she still thought he was a "girl". Whenever I just mention that Alvin needs his pants changed, she usually runs to the bedroom without being told and get me a diaper. I really have appreciated her thoughtfulness like that. Laura told me over the phone to "rest in the hospital a few days and then when I come home she can help me feed the baby." I am sure she will certainly enjoy the new baby.

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Alvin has suddenly become a "big" boy now in my eyes after having the newest baby. Today Richard took the kids to the zoo to see the animals. He said that Alvin thoroughly enjoyed it, especially feeding the deer and the zebras. Richard also brought the kids up to the hospital and let them wave at me through the window. They were all very excited and I enjoyed seeing them also.

At the age of 2 weeks Wesley began to eat baby oatmeal and molasses water from a bottle. Up until this time he slept most of the time. He has been a very good baby, sleeping most of the night.

August 3, 1969. He was blessed and given the name Wesley Earl Black by his father Richard Evan Black at the Millbrook 1st word chapel.

At the age of 6 weeks he began to recognize people and laugh for them. He is always very alert. When checked by Dr. Evans I was told that there were two things very noticeable about him. One he was very alert. And two he was very strong and muscular. At 3 months

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Wesley was 23 inches long and at 4 1/2 months he measured 25 inches.

September 29, 1969. Wesley had the 1st of his DPT and polio.

The Relief Society president Anita Whipple, asked me to serve as a visiting teacher. I have been doing it ever since Sept 1969. I have had several partners. I started out with Sister Eva Smith. Then they separated our district and gave each of us different partners. I had Gerie Hendrickson for a short time and then Gloria Anderson. Then I was put back with Sister Smith again for a time.

We were separated once again. This time I had Sister! With for a couple of months.. And then Clara Lynch although she never went with me. After Patrick was born in 1975. I was given a night district with Lois Leavitt Released Sept 1976. Was a ^{winter} ^{district} ^{the previous}

September 29, 1969. Guy had his DPT and
Polio booster. Laura had her DPT and Polio
booster. Alvin had his measles shot. live c
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Guy, Laura and Alvin were in several programs at church during 1969. The programs are in our family scrapbook.

When the Bishopric was going to be changed Richard said he felt impressed that he would be called to fill some position in the new Bishopric.

As a result of this calling, Richard felt that if he was going to be leading people he should decide to do something better with his own life. Up to this time he had worked at a little bit of everything: mechanics, selling, bus driving, dry cleaning, cement truck driver and there just didn't seem to be much future in any of these jobs. So we did some investigating as to how much G. I. schooling benefits Richard had coming and the possible fields he could undertake. Finally he decided to attend LDS Business College to get an Associate Degree in Computer Technology. It wasn't an easy road. He drove school bus, & worked part-time as a computer operator. Most of the time he took a full load at school, but the one thing he did no matter what was to take care of his responsibilities as a member of the Bishopric first. I know that is the reason he was able to graduate.

(June 1977) in a year and 9 months with high honors. Doing the Lord's work certainly does pay dividends. Some of the compositions Richard wrote while in school are included in our scrapbook.

One year before Richard graduated (July 1970) he was glancing casually through the help wanted ads and saw an opening for a computer programmer. Not necessarily expecting to get a job, he applied just for the experience of looking for a job. After the interview and several days later he was offered the job. He was told that there had been 60 applicants for the job and he had been chosen for the job even though he hadn't completed his schooling yet. We feel that the Lord definitely had a hand in this. At present (Jan 1976) he is still employed at Beneficial Life Insurance Company.

A list of those we have records of that Richard either ordained or set apart while he was in the Bishopric.

Aug 17, 1969 set apart Paul Austin as 1st counselor in the Deacons Quorum

Dec. 28, 1969 set apart Brady Nielsen as 1st counselor in the Teachers Quorum.

May 3, 1970 set apart Thelma Musch as 1st counselor in the Relief Society.

Feb. 21, 1971 Bruce Williams set apart as 2nd assistant in the Sunday School

Feb. 28 1971 Leatha Harris teacher in the YWMA.

Feb. 28, 1971 Kenneth Bousfield set apart as teacher in the Sunday School.

Dec 13, 1971 Boyd Evans set apart as 1st Counselor in the Deacons Quorum.

Oct 1, 1971 Marcia Gray set apart as Beehive Teacher in the YWMA

I am sure this is an incomplete list but its better than nothing.

Sunday Sept 24, ¹⁹⁷⁸ ordained Bob Densmore a priest

Sept 19, 1978 Baptized & confirmed Bob & Bonnie Densmore.

Baptized & confirmed Ch. Densmore

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During 1970 we worked on and completed the north bedroom which will be the girls bedroom. After completion all of 3 older children slept together in that room.

Again during 1970 the children were in programs in church and school. Alvin has been going to Primary and Sunday school since ^{he} was about 1½. Laura mothers him real well.

February 12, 1970. Guy is doing really well in kindergarten. He knows all of the alphabet. I have been helping him some in learning how to read. He can count and is real good with numbers. In the latter part... of... October, 1969, Guy began piano lessons. He is doing remarkably well. He is beginning to take responsibility in doing his chores. He is now 44 inches tall.

(The piano teacher came twice a week. I did not have her telephone number. She just quit coming and I did not know how to get in touch with her. Some time later another teacher (a boy) came to the home. He did the same thing. He just quit coming. Both times we had them paid in advance. For a short time Guy took

lessons from Dennis Hendrickson at his home.

Then both he and Laura started lessons from a lady in Holladay. After a while they lost interest and since it was quite an inconvenience taking them to her place we once again discontinued.)

February 12, 1970 continued. Laura is growing up. Height $42\frac{1}{2}$ inches. She loves to play with the baby. She is interested in the alphabet and numbers also. She knows most of them and loves to write.

Alvin can say everything now although it takes some concentration at times to understand him. Height 35 inches.

..... Wesley. Height: $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches. He is a very happy baby. He tries to imitate some of the sounds he hears. He stands up next to his crib. He sits up well and walks around really well in his walker. He gets into everything that happens to be available. But we all love him very much anyway.

The last week of February 1970, Wesley began to crawl. now nothing is safe on the floor.

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March 19, 1970, Wesley started pulling himself up to things. He really enjoys Daddy, for whenever Daddy walks through the room he forgets everything else and wants to play with Daddy. He does the same for Grandma Memmott.

May 11, 1970 - Wesley got his first tooth and another one a day or two later. He is starting to babble (a lot now). He puts inflections into the little sounds he makes. He uses his hands and is really cute when talking to someone. Last Sunday in Sunday School after taking the bread during the sacrament he said "Mumbl, Mumbl." He crawls around very well and plays good... with the other kids. He likes to be out of doors but as yet hasn't taken too much of an interest in the animals. He stiffens up when one of the kids show him a baby rabbit. He can climb up the stairs at the Church house, then he turns around and comes down frontward hands first without falling.

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Alvin loves to go outside and play in the sandpile and especially loves to play in the water. He talks pretty good now. He has learned to say the ABC's from watching Sesame Street. When saying his prayers he repeats the ABC's. He likes the song "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam" and "Teach me to Walk in the Light." One day in Sacrament meeting he was singing the tune to the song we were singing just perfect but the words were the ABC's, and "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." He calls me his "Mama." I believe he understands how many up to three are.

Laura is starting to add numbers together. Guy comes home and gives her work papers to do like he has at school. I believe she is ready for Kindergarten. It is too bad she will have to wait another year.

April 1971. We drove with our family to San Francisco, California in about 13 hours. We stayed with Don and Karen Bushman. The most enjoyable activity was our two trips to the Seashore and gathering seashells. On one trip Laura pulled Alvin over into the salty water. On the next one Doris' car broke down on the highway and we had to be towed to a garage. The day we left for home we drove up the winding mountain roads to Sausalito Beach. Our biggest regret was that we couldn't spend more time at the beach.

The Golden Gate Park was beautiful. I have never seen such a variety of vegetation so beautiful in a park.

A trip Sunday afternoon to the Oakland Temple grounds was very enjoyable. It also amazed me that since this was general conference weekend that we couldn't see more sessions of conference than we did in California, as close as it is to Salt Lake City. We are especially blessed in this respect to be living in Salt Lake City.

We did listen to the rebroadcast of of two sessions on KSL during the night on our way home.

We have a good-sized shell collection from this trip and also our honeymoon.

About one or two weeks before we took this trip Wesley had become very possessive of Richard. Richard had sort of put him off by saying, "When we go on our trip then Daddy can spend all the time with you." Wesley was only 1 year 8 months. We didn't

think he really understood, but sure enough... when we got on our trip he... made his Daddy stick to his promise.

May 9, 1971. The kids were on the Mother's Day program for Sunday School.

During 1971 we finished working on the boys bedroom and they moved in to it. We started work on remodeling the kitchen.

April 11, 1971 Richard completed a Bishopric Training course.

July 13, 1971 - During the last two years I have painted the trim on the house and garage. We changed the front steps by putting in a full porch and a winding sidewalk, a new driveway and planted lawn and garden and flowers. The yard is beginning to look fairly nice now. Richard graduated from the LDS Business College June 4, 1971.

This morning at 7:13 a.m. I gave birth to a beautiful 6 lb 10 oz baby girl. She has brownish-red hair and dark blue eyes. (They later turned brown). She was 19 inches long.

During this pregnancy I have had more pressure pains in my legs which have caused me a lot of distress. This morning about... 3:00 a.m. Richard was called down to his work as a computer programmer for Beneficial Life Insurance Company. When he left he said, "Do you think you will need to go before I get back?" I said "No." While he was gone I started getting pains. I couldn't decide if they were gas pains or the real thing. So when Richard came home about 5:00 a.m. I took an enema. This didn't stop them so we headed for the LDS hospital. We arrived at the hospital sometime after 6:00 and she was born at 7:13 a.m. Dr Wood

didn't even have time to change his clothes. He just put a gown on and when he was finally ready he told me to bear down easy (which wasn't easy) and she was there with that first one. The cord was wrapped around her neck 3 times and the Dr. had to cut the cord so she could finish being born. She is doing just fine. The first time I nursed her she took hold just like she knew what it was all about. She didn't care much for water from the bottle. She is just like the other children in that respect. The baby came so fast that... I started bleeding after... about an hour so they gave me glucose water and ice packs all day long. I feel very much improved tonight.

About one week before she was born I went up to the hospital, but was not ready so they gave me a sleeping pill and sent me home. I was so drowsy by the time we got home that Richard had to help me into the house. I slept all night, the next day and the next night. That sleeping pill really knocked me for a loop.

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Pamela Black was born at the Salt Lake LDS Hospital at 7:13 a.m. July 13, 1971. She weighed 6 pounds 10 oz. She is the smallest baby we have had. She was 19 inches long. I was in room 539. Dr. Densie was the Pediatrician. Checkup & PKU test at 6 weeks.

August 1, 1971 she was blessed and given a name by Richard Evan Black at the Millcreek 1st Ward.

We were in the process of remodeling our kitchen when Pamela was born. We finished it off for Christmas of 1971. When they laid the new carpet Pamela thought the new carpet was just great to run around on. She so far has... been very temperamental with a mind of her own. At times she is very independent especially when about 1 1/2 to 2 years old. All of the family would be together in one room doing something. That is everyone but Pamela. She would be off in another room playing by herself. Even now at 4 she plays by herself very well.

Thanksgiving 1971 - I got a new washer, dryer and kitchen range.

July 1971. Guy has done very well in school. He finished 1st grade top in his class in reading and is doing very well in math. He loves school and loves to read. He plays monopoly with himself every day.

When Richard called home from the hospital Laura was still asleep so he told Grandma Memmott that he would call Laura later. When Laura was told that Daddy was going to call her she figured out that it was a girl if Daddy would call her instead of Guy. The boys have been teasing her all along about the baby being a boy and she had almost resigned herself to the fact that it would be a boy, but she is very excited about getting a baby sister.

Laura will start Kindergarten this fall. She is ready for it and seems to be excited about going. She already is very good with math. She figures things out in her head very well.

Alvin has developed a love for singing and really enjoys singing in Jr. Sunday School and Primary.

Alvin finally was toilet trained about 6 months ago. About 2 weeks ago he said his first talk in Jr. Sunday School. He is beginning to know and recognize and write most of the ABC's. He is a real good worker when he does something that interests him. Sometimes it is hard to get him started on the job.

Wesley seems to be excited at the prospect of Mommy bringing home a new baby. I talked to him on the telephone today and he said a few words to me like "Mommy" "baby" "goodbye". This is the first time he has ever said much over the telephone. He usually just listens. He is talking and saying everything he hears someone else say. He is very conscientious about everything. He knows whose clothes belong to whom. He can set knives, forks, and spoons around the table. He says the blessing and his prayers really cut. He thinks the world of his Daddy.

In November 1971 We got several route of Green Sheets to deliver to give the kids a way of earning money. They get paid for each paper they fold. This gives them money for things they need money for.

In May 1971 Glenda completed a course in the Teacher Development.

In November and December 1971 Alvin went to a 5 week pre-school class at Granite High School.

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February 1972. Glenda was released as Chieftain Leader in the Primary. Sustained as Cub Scout Den Mother. I sent out a letter to all the boys cub scout age. The first day I had every boy (21^{total}) show up plus a couple extras. I had all of them for about 2 months until a Webelos Den got going. Then later another den was formed. Cub Scouts were a lot of fun and enjoyment. Lew earned his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos requirements. He also earned his arrow of light.

During 1972 Richard acted as chairman for United Funds from Beneficial Life.

Spring 1972. Our family took part in the State Spring Sing with a Kitchen band. Pamela was only 9 months old, but she got up on the stage with us. About halfway through the song she got up and started pounding on the drums.

Spring 1972. Richard became very ill with a severe pain in his lungs and chest area. Finally he had an X-Ray taken to see what was the matter. Dr Beale seemed to think he had Tuberculosis. That night he went over to the hospital for further tests. They were unable to complete the tests satisfactorily so he made an appointment for the next morning.

That night we both felt that with faith and prayer this could be overcome. We fasted and prayed and had Richard's father and brother Pete give him a blessing the next morning before he went in for the tests. These tests proved negative and another chest X-Ray also proved to be negative. Faith and prayers were certainly the healer in this case. Although the pain continued intermittently for about 5 or 6 months. Pressures were becoming very great especially at Richard's work. We asked Bishop and Sister Burt if we could rent their cabin for a few days. They refused to take any money, but let us use it from Thursday to Saturday.....

After delivering the Green Sheet Thursday we packed the car and headed for the mountains. One thing I especially noticed and enjoyed was the quiet peacefulness. Also the time went much slower than it does at home. We were able to slow ourselves down for these few days which really was a blessing. We took two and sometimes three hikes each day. We learned a good lesson on our very first hike. It is easier going down when you are tired than going uphill when you are tired. From then on all our hikes were uphill the first half.

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The beauties that God has created for us to enjoy are without number or description. We were awe-struck with these beauties especially on one hike we took high up in the mountains.

Richard was able to relax - slow down and this contributed to him feeling much better. Since this time he has had very little trouble at all.

October 1972. Richard was sent by Beneficial Life to a convention in Denver, Colorado. We went along taking most of our food and fixing most of our meals in the motel. Mom Mermitt went with us. One of the highlights were the meals we ate at the restaurants. On the first morning at Little America in Wyoming and on the way home we stopped at the Copper Kettle just outside of Denver, Colorado.

Some of the things we saw along the way oil wells, a windmill, a Lincoln monument, a herd of antelope. Of interest to us was the sunrise across Wyoming. There were no mountains on the horizon and the sun just came up over the edge of the earth. The miles and miles of flat country was also very interesting. After having lived in the mountains, but after awhile it became very boring.

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Some of the places of interest that we
 visited: The Denver Museum of Natural
 History. There were bones of Dinosaurs, stuffed
 animals of all kinds, bears, Walrus, deer,
 rabbit, etc. There were rocks, sea shells,
 skeletons. There was even a cave trying to
 make us believe that we came from apes.
 This we definitely couldn't go along with.
 We visited the Denver Zoo. Among others
 we saw zebra, seals, ducks, birds, flamingos,
 monkeys, a large building that had
 birds in. It stunk and was hot and
 stuffy something like you imagine the
 jungle is like. It had sort of a mountain
 in it.....
 We saw a cow, elephant, a talking parrot,
 horse, donkey, a pioneer wagon, a bridge over
 a stream with fish in. Also Mother Goose Land.
 We visited the Denver Mint two different
 times. We saw what the metal sheets looked
 like before being cut and stamped. There is a
 machine that cuts them to size and then
 they are stamped on both sides. They
 are then counted in the counting machine
 and bagged. We purchased some Presidential
 coins.
 We visited the May D-F department
 store where they were having "Odyssey

East" with all kinds of things from the Oriental Countries for sale. They were having shows by performers from these countries and they told us things of interest about their country.

We visited several antique shops and an Art Gallery. We went into the Downtowner Motel looking for Richard. We went into the wrong room. Some people were decorating for a party and gave each of the children a balloon.

On the way out of Denver we stopped at Kings Liquidation where we purchased a antique Waterbury clock and an oval mirror to hang in the front room.....

After traveling all afternoon and evening in a driving snow storm we finally arrived at Vernal, Utah. We got a motel and rested for the night. The next morning we went to Dinosaur Land and then headed for home. It was a very nice trip.

Just before we went on this trip we purchased a 1966 Dodge Monaco Station Wagon for \$950.00.

During Guy's second grade I helped as a parent-volunteer once a week in Mrs Freeman's class.

We purchased older substantial furniture and recovered them and refinished the wood. We did it all for only \$250.00 and had some nice furnishings when we were through.

We decorated Dad's old wagon up and took the Cub scouts out on it on election day urging people to be sure to vote.

Thanksgiving Day 1972. Richard and his father placed their hands on Richard's mother's head and gave her a blessing that she might receive health and strength. On the blessing Richard told her to attend to her Church meetings and keep the commandments and things would work out for the best for her.

Christmas 1972. Over the years we have made a tradition of taking treats and singing Christmas carols to people in the ward. This year we just made large sugar cookies, frosted and decorated them. We went caroling to about 14 different families. The reception and response we received was gratifying. The Christmas spirit certainly came to our home this year.

Sister Warren taped our song. Sister Janeen Nielsen brought presents to the children and family as did Brother and Sister Willden and Brother Wouden and William our home teachers. Brother and Sister Love brought us some hand-dipped Chocolates. Sister Hendrix Laurel class came Christmas Caroling to us and brought us a delicious Christmas tree cake.

Other years we must try to be more thoughtful.

This year we finally made it to the mountains to cut our own Christmas trees. It was a beautiful day and the mountains were full of people just like ourselves. We invited . . . Devon and family to go with us.

This fall we borrowed some money to build an addition on our home. We got the building permit, dug the footings and poured the cement. Time and weather did not look too plentiful so we purchased a Magic Mill and Bosch Bread mixer. We also got a good supply of wheat and soybeans plus some other grains. We felt pretty good about our food storage program. This wheat grinder and Bread mixer is probably one of the best investments we have made.

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When Laura was in Mrs Merrill's 1st grade class she was at the top of the class and often way ahead. Mrs Merrill asked for our consent for her to skip 2nd grade. After much thought and consideration we consented. She did very well during 3rd grade and we feel it was probably a right choice.

Half-way through Alvin's Kindergarten class (Teacher was Mrs Reese) his teacher consulted us and asked that he be allowed to come back in the afternoon to attend 1st grade math in Mrs. Merrill's class. He did very well at this and it also gave me a good excuse to get out each afternoon for a walk to go get him home.

Guy has always done well in his school activities also his Webelos and Cub scout work.

During Laura's third grade she attended school 100% and received a certificate for her perfect attendance.

Guy's third grade teacher was Mrs Mayo
 Guy's 2nd grade teacher was Mrs Freeman
 Guy's 1st grade teacher was Mrs Sears.

Laura and Guy both had Mrs Curry for Kindergarten.

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at one of the stake Bishop's meetings volunteers were asked for to go to a meeting at the prison. President Clegg volunteered our services so we went to the orientation meeting. If we took on this responsibility of home teaching a prisoner it would be most likely a lifetime responsibility. After talking it over we agreed that it was a bit frightening but that we would do it. It took about 6 months before we were assigned. We were assigned to Home Teach Henry Thomas, a young man from New York. Our first visit was November 1973. This has been quite an experience. It has given us a better understanding of a lot of things at the prison. We don't know how much good we are doing, but we surely hope some good will come of it.

Spring 1973 - Our family was asked to sing for the stake Spring program called "Home Talk". It was held at Granite Park Jr. High.

Summer 1973. One evening after Richard had left for his meeting and I was very tired I decided to put the children to bed early. We had dug out the dirt & proceeded to build our addition out back. We had the first floor on and part of the walls

up. This particular evening it started raining. We had purchased some plastic to place over the plywood so it wouldn't warp. I got up and went out to put the plastic over it. While I was out there Pamela got up behind me and took the round sticks we had been putting in the French doors as an added safety feature and she placed it in the door so I couldn't get in. I tried to get her to get the sticks out but she wouldn't. I went around to the kids bedroom windows and luckily Guy was not asleep. He got up and let me in. I could just see myself pregnant in my role - no shoes. Having to go to the neighbors to get help.

This same summer when Pamela was only two years old she wanted to go to the store with big sister Laura. I told her okay, but to wait for Laura to get her money together. This took her about 5 minutes. By then Pamela could not be found anywhere.

September 11, 1973 Alvin measured 45 inches and weighed 44 inches.

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We looked everywhere but in vain. Finally we headed towards the store. When we got up to 3900 So she was nowhere to be seen. I was just sure she hadn't had time to get that far, so I sent one of the kids home to check to see if we had not looked somewhere. Just then a man was coming down the sidewalk. I asked him if he had seen a little girl. "Oh yes," was his reply. "There's a little girl down at Kellers." I thanked him and raced down there. Sure enough she was standing by the checkstand looking up at the clerk like she expected her to give her something. Needless to say she got quite a talking too. I believe I... shook for the rest of the day...

During the summer the kids took part of a cartooning class and learned a few things.

July 31, 1973, at 6:18 a.m. at the Salt Lake LDS Hospital I gave birth to an 8 pound 13 oz baby girl. She was 21 inches long. She had dark brown hair which later turned blonde and brown eyes. Dr Wood was not on duty so Dr Howard Sharp delivered her. I was in Room 547.

September 2, 1973. She was blessed and given the name of Kimberlee Black by her father

Richard Evan Black at the Millcreek 1st ward.

When Kimberlee was born Pamela did not adjust as easily as the other children have. She retrogressed a little. She seems to need more love and attention. At about 2 1/2 she started Jr Sunday school and Primary, but didn't adjust very well until she was 4 years old.

Kimberlee has developed very rapidly. Walking crawling like the other kids have. She has talked much sooner and plainer than any of the children.

The night before Kimberlee was born we answered an ad on used lumber. We found a whole carload of lumber that we brought home to use in building our addition.

We worked all spring, summer and fall building the addition to our house. We added 1,000 square feet. Work progressed rather fast considering the many hours Richard was spending in his employment. He worked many nights and his schedule was very irregular. He would work on the house for a couple of hours every time he could. We also worked on remodeling Richard's parents cleaning shop. They paid us for our work and this enabled us to pay for the furnace. We were finally ready to install

the furnace in November. Up until then we used a lot of wood in the fireplace to help keep us warm.

August 14, 1973. Richard was released from the Bishopric of the Millcreek 1st Ward. A new Bishop, Chester Hutchings, was sustained with Heinz P. Musch 1st counselor and Donald Mangum as 2nd counselor. Richard was very much at a loss during the following week, although he spent some time working on our addition.

The following Sunday August 21, 1973 we were both called into the Stake President's office where President James R. Clegg issued a call to Richard to be an assistant stake clerk in charge of statistics. He was also asked to assist Brother Dave Ashby in his calling as Executive Secretary as his work often called him out of town. These positions kept him busy.

October 5, 1973. The kids planned, bought the food and carried out a wiener roast. It was lots of fun.

Spring 1973 Alvin weighed 44 lbs was 45 in. tall.
Fall of 1973 Alvin weighed 50 lbs was 46 1/2 in. tall.
Alvin's Kindergarten teacher was Mrs. Reeves.
Laura's 3rd Grade teacher was Mrs. Wright.
Guy's 4th Grade teacher was Mrs. Stephens.

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Spring 1974. We signed up with Supreme Food Corporation with an agreement that if they couldn't save us at least 10% they would let us out. We did two price comparisons and found they were only saving us about 3.4%. Boy the times you pay the interest on the money you must borrow the food plus the membership fee plus the interest on top of that we figured we were going in the hole. It took some pressure but we finally were released from paying for the rest of the contract on our membership. Since then we have learned that Supreme are having financial difficulties... I think back on a lot of the materialistic programs we have either considered or bought. Most of these have now gone by the wayside. Only the spiritual things we accumulate have a lasting value.

We started Guy, Laura, Alvin and Wesley on piano lessons. A young girl named Susan Fagg comes to the home. After a while we decided that Wesley was too young so we dropped his lessons. The other children are doing great.

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March 16, 1974, Richard and I were called to meet with President Clegg. He at that time issued a call to Richard to be an alternate High Councilman. He also issued a call to me to serve as cultural Refinement Leader on the Stake Relief Society Board. We were both sustained the following day at stake Conference, March 17, 1974. Richard was set apart March 31, 1974 by President Alfred H. Bennion. I was sustained by the Relief Society Board and set apart by President James R. Clegg, April 11, 1974 at stake board meeting.

... Summer 1974... We purchased a set of records called "Play n' Talk" which is a set of Phonics records. The children have enjoyed using these this summer.

We have planted a large garden and used many things from it. We have spent many hours at the stake farm weeding onions as this is one of Richard's assignment on the High Council. Another of his responsibilities has been to speak in the various wards in the stake. This has been really good for him and I hope the opportunity will continue. I even had the opportunity to speak with a member of the high council, Brother

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Leonard Norman, I was speaking in the capacity of a representative of the Relief Society. Wesley and Pamela received their final DPT and polio shots the last week of June. Kimberlee started her series of shots. Richard received a booster of DPT as he got jabbed with a pitchfork while working at the stake farm. The last week in July, Kimberlee received her second DPT. Wesley and Pamela had their measles shot.

August 6, 1974. Wesley went to Dr Elliot Davis for a pre-school check-up. Height 42 inches Weight 40 1/2 lbs. vision 20/20-1 in the right eye. 20/20 in the left eye. Everything else is very healthy. The Dr. did mention a puffiness in the stomach that he said might someday develop into a hernia. On that same day Guy received a mumps shot.

Wed. August 14, 1974. We spent an enjoyable day at Beneficial Life's company party at Lagoona. We went swimming together and really enjoyed the day. The whole day.

Friday Aug 16, 1974. We spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening picnicing and fishing up American Fork Canyon. Caught 5 fish.

Saturday Aug 17, 1974. I conducted a presentation at Regional meeting on the use of the filmstrip.

projector.

Measured Children

Guy: 4 ft 7 inches

Laura: 4 ft 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches

Alvin: 4 ft

Wesley 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Pamela: 38 inches

Kimberlee 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

August 24, 1974. After having helped Laura learn to sew on the sewing machine by sewing together quilt blocks we pieced together a baby quilt and with the help of Grandma Memmott and Guy we tied it. She then entered it in our Millcreek Stake Farm fair. Also the children gathered a variety of vegetables from our garden to enter. Alvin especially had been saving some peppers and eggplant that got to be pretty large. Also a large zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, and pumpkin. This assortment received a nice purple ribbon "Special Award;" all in all the farm fair was a lot of fun and a success. Richard had many things he was in charge of such as greased pig chase, greased pole climb, pie eating contest, tug'o' war. Needless to say we were all tired at the end of the day.

August 25, 1974. Richard is enjoying giving a lot of speeches. Last Sunday the 18th he spoke at the 9th ward for his regular High Council assignment. This Sunday he spoke in the 11th ward by request of Bishop Casteler on the subject of the fast and fast offering.

August 26, 1974 Mr and Mrs Connor have volunteered to purchase a cow and let us pasture it in their field behind our house. They also said we could use part of the ground for a garden. We certainly do appreciate this offer and will be eternally grateful to them. They are good people. This comes at a time when it is certainly needed as six children need and drink a lot of milk. Mr Connor has also consented to let us just make the interest payment for a year or so until we can get back on our feet.

Tonight we had our family home evening at the Utah State Prison. We met with Henry Thomas, our inmate. He seems to be coming along very well and seems to be maturing some.

1974 August 27, 1974

The children have 3 routes of the Green Sheet to deliver each Thursday morning. About three months ago the Green Sheet came out with a voluntary pay program where you have to go out and ask for a voluntary pay of 35¢ per month. This just hasn't seemed to work out too well for us, but we have plugged away at it. Today, finally, we went out again for the second time this month and were just getting a good start when Laura got bit by Holliday's mother's dog. Needless to say, this stopped the collecting. We went to the clinic to get her a D.P.T. booster... while there, Kimberlee got the 3rd DPT, the 2nd polio and her measles. She didn't care too much for that part of the day. We will probably not be doing the collections anymore.

Wesley has received his teachers and room assignments for Kindergarten. His teacher is Mrs. Nealen and his room is #23.

Alvin will have Mrs. Merrill for 1st grade this year. Laura has Mrs. V. Clark 4th grade. Guy has Mrs. Stephens again in a 5th-6th mixed class.

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Guy had the opportunity of going up to Mill Hollow with his school class for a 3 day trip. Richard was able to take time off from work and go along with them as one of the supervisors. They had a very enjoyable and tiring time chasing all over the mountains on hikes.

Wesley has begun to develop in his desire and ability to learn. I believe school will be good for him.

During the summer we had a couple of family reading contests to see who could read the scriptures. Guy and Laura both finished the Book of Mormon. I nearly did and so did Richard. I was the first and only one to finish the Doctrine and Covenants.

We need to develop an on going reading program for study and development.

We also had a try at family council which worked real well for a period of time, but I guess we spent too much time at it and the children got tired of it. I think they did benefit from having it and we occasionally have one when the need arises.

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October 5, 1974. I have just completed attendance at the Relief Society General Conference for the last three days. The educational media, and homemaking displays were exceptional. I gained many helps. The sessions of conference were inspirational. I hope I can implement some of the things I learned into my life and calling so that I may better serve my Father in Heaven.

Sister Spafford and her counselors were released. Sister Barbara B. Smith, wife of Douglas H. Smith who is the President of Beneficial Life was sustained as the new General Relief Society President.

Several months ago, because of our building our addition, our bills began to stack up to the point that most of them were going unpaid just so we could buy food to eat. The inflation in our economy has been terrible which hasn't helped much. Things were just closing in on us.

We discussed the possible avenues we might take to help correct the situation. The main solution we came up with was to refinance the home and thereby pay

all the bills and get enough to finish the additions. Most places we talked to said they couldn't even begin to consider a loan for us because of money being so tight in the economy. We did, however, find that Miller and Vile were willing to consider us so they sent out an appraiser. He appraised our house in its present condition at around \$20,000.00.

On the meantime we talked to Mr Connor and told him what our problems and our plans were. We did a lot of praying about it.

About this time Bishop Hutchings contacted us about donating an extra \$50.00 to the budget. Where were we going to get the \$50.00? We called the children together, told them what the Bishop has asked and asked them if they would like to participate. Guy was willing to take all of his money from the Credit Union, but we told him he should save some of it for a mission. He finally paid \$15.00. The other children donated what they wanted and the next Sunday we went to the Bishop's office and gave him the money.

Shortly after Mr Connor caught me and said he would like to talk with Richard and I. When we found time we went

up to talk with him.

His proposal was to purchase a cow for us and let us use his field as pasture. He also would let us pay only the interest on the home until we can get over this financial hump. We decided that this would help us a great deal so we began preparations to take care of a cow. We altered the Chicken coop and fixed it into a cow barn and we are presently fixing a smaller place for 6 chickens which we brought. Finally the day came for the cow to arrive. She was a pretty Jersey cow named Rose.

At first I did not really catch the meaning of this great help... I guess I first realized that it was truly a blessing from the Lord the day I received a note from the Mortgage company stating they would be unable to give us a loan. We would have had no other way of getting out of the situation in which we found ourselves. The Lord worked through Mr Connor to help us. This is the way the Lord helps us is through other people. That is the reason we must be willing to help others that we might be instrumental in helping the Lord help

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We have been getting from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 gallons of milk each day with enough cream to make about 1 pound of butter a day. This has really been a savings to us.

We have learned that anything you pay to the Lord is never lost. The Lord repays with dividends. The blessings also seem to be greater with the greater sacrifice. Maybe it is because when something is easy to do we do not recognize or appreciate the blessings as much as we do when we must sacrifice.

Last spring we got a dog from our neighbors the Kerns. We named him "Rags." In Sept 1974 we had him vaccinated for Rabies. Christmas Day 1974 someone shot him. We doctored him with Golden Seal and he healed rapidly. After that he was real touchy about bicycles especially 10 speed.

September 1974, at Stake Conference Richard was released as an alternate High Councilman and sustained as a High Councilman. Sunday Nov. 3, 1974 we as a family witnessed his being set apart by President LaMont Anderson with President Clegg standing in the circle. Sunday Nov 3, 1974 was also the day Devon and Doris blessed their baby and named her

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Natalie Jean Mammoth, Devon blessed her.

We had "Rose" the cow bred. She is to have a calf about September 7, of next year. Her milk production has come down to 2 gallons a day.

Laura won a poetry contest at school. This is the poem she wrote.

Rain is Nice...

Rain is nice when it is hot.
It falls upon some parking lot.
Sometimes it rains and rains all day.
Sometimes rain is in your way.
Pitter patter upon the ground,
It really makes a lot of sound.
...Rain is very good you see,
It is nice for you and me.

By Laura Black

Guy also won a poetry contest during the spring. He also wrote an article about the remodeling of Lincoln school. I will put both these in here.

Lincoln, A Changed School

(Salt Lake) Lincoln Elementary Children now have a nicer school than last year. They have new chalkboards, carpet in the halls and the rooms. The walls have been painted, also film screens in the rooms. The new office has not yet

been completed and the principal and the secretary are stuck in the multipurpose room. The librarian is also stuck because they have not yet finished the new library. The workmen are working on a new multipurpose room to replace the old one. The bathrooms are also being remodeled.

All of this will cost around a quarter of a million dollars said one of the teachers. Everyone is happy with what it brought. That is everyone except the district, who had to pay for it.

The workmen hope to have the multipurpose room finished by Christmas so that the students will not have to eat box lunches.

This year there are 2 kindergarten teachers, 3 first grade teachers, 2 second grades, 1 second-third mixed, 1 or 2 third grades, 2 fourth grades, 1 fourth-fifth mix, 2 fifth grades, 1 fifth-sixth mixed and 1 sixth grade. Mrs. Pave, Miss Pederson and other aids. The amount of children in each class differs from 20-30.

Lunches have changed too. The milk cartons are the shape of a triangle and have thinner cardboard. The lunches have everything from a hamburger to a candy bar. The price of

lunches have changed too. This year lunches cost thirty-five cents a day instead of the twenty-five cents it was last year.

It's surprising the name of the school didn't change. Even though some things at Lincoln have changed, the name of this story is still - Lincoln, A Changed School.

By Guy Black.

Spring Is.

Spring is in March, April, and May.

Spring is beautiful almost every day.

Spring is going without a coat,

Spring is when the clouds float.

.... Spring is a fern just beginning to grow,

Spring is when the grass is long and you have to mow.

Spring is water crystal clear,

Lakes in spring are just like mirrors,

Spring is the blossom on an apple tree,

Spring is for a fly, a mosquito, and a flea,

Spring is a lot of things you see,

Spring is just right for me.

During November and December we were busy getting ready for Christmas. The children made a lot of their presents for each other. Each of the children in school sang with their classes at the PTA meeting. Guy and Laura each went to the Cottonwood Mall to sing with their classes. We had a Christmas party at the prison with Henry. Our family sang some Christmas songs at the Rest Home on 4th East for a Sacrament Meeting program. We also sang some numbers at the South Salt Lake Neighborhood Community Christmas Party.

As has been our tradition over the last 5 or 6 years we went Christmas caroling. This year we made whole wheat bread and butter-honey. We went to about 18 homes. One of our neighbors cried when we went to their home because they were so happy.

Sister Warren had her mission farewell and she asked me to sing "Protect Us Through The Night." Our choir put on a Christmas Cantata and I sang a solo in it. Sister Pearson asked me to sing at her son Mike's mission farewell, but I was too ill to go.

In February Laura participated in a group called 'the Yankee Doodlers' for a presentation of songs at the PTA meeting.

Alvin's primary class wrote letters to missionaries. Alvin received a letter from Elder Dave Larsen. When his primary teacher moved she wrote Alvin a letter and sent him a picture she had taken of the primary class. I made scores for the Kindergarten class.

Guy has been active all year in the Webelos and doing just fine. Guy also got very high scores on the Test that is given at the beginning of each school year.

In July 1974 we took a trip to the "Mormon Miracle Pageant in Mantle". I called and got a reservation in a Motel in Ephraim. When we got there they charged us more for the extra people above their limit. We believe we paid \$36.00 for the one night's lodging. The pageant was fabulous. The next morning we went to the visitors center and saw a movie about the three witnesses to the Golden plates. We toured the temple grounds & then went to Gunnison to a Jensen family reunion.

1974 was a great year for us. We have been greatly blessed

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January 1975. This week I am singing "He That Hath Clean Hands" at three Relief Societies, the 1st, 2nd and 9th.

January 6, 1975. Measured the children
Guy 56 1/2 inches
Laura 57 inches
Alvin 49 3/4 inches
Wesley 45 1/2 inches
Pamela 40 inches
Kimberlee 32 3/4 inches

January 12, 1975 Bishop Haslam of the 12th ward invited our family and me to sing for them in their Sacrament Meeting. The family sang "I Think When I Read Those Sweet Stories of Old... I sang "Hold Thou My Hand."

During the month of January we all have had a bout with the flu. My mother also had a real bad case of the flu. It took her a long time to get over it.

The month of February has just run away from us. Richard has been preparing for the Prospective missionary seminar and we have all been helping him. We sent 2 different invitations to all the ^{unmarried} boys in the stake between the ages of 16-25. and all the unmarried girls between the ages of 21-25.

This program was held Friday February 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. It was a very spiritual evening. The Young Adult Choir of the stake sang several special numbers. "Firm As The Mountains Around Us" and "It May Not Be On The Mountain Height." Testimonies were borne by returned missionaries Evelyn Smith and Larry Samuelson. Brother William Denton gave his testimony as a convert to the Church. The key, the speaker was Brother Joe Christensen, director of Seminaries in the Church Education System. He delivered a very appropriate address. One incident he related was about when he was in Mexico City on some business he caught a cab to go to the mission home. He felt impressed to start a conversation with the driver. His first reaction was that he was tired, but he did ask the driver if he had lived in Mexico City all his life. In the course of the conversation the driver asked him something about himself. He told him about his assignment with the Church. The driver became very interested and wanted him to teach him more. Since Brother Christensen had a plane to catch in a few

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Brother Christensen had talked to President Kimball earlier that day and gotten his blessings to leave with those there.

President Clegg gave the closing remarks. We felt it was a very successful evening. The... only thing that could have been... improved was a better attendance of those invited.

Thursday Feb. 20, our family sang at the Eternal Riches Seminar. "I Am a Child of God" and "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old.

Sunday Feb. 23, Guy's eleventh birthday. He will begin Scouting in the Boyer B class. The children sang with the Primary in Sacrament Meeting. Guy, Laura, and Alvin had speaking parts.

For the first song our family sang for the Eternal Riches program. Richard thought that Pamela wouldn't be able to be seen behind the clerks table, so he lifted her up. This was the wrong thing to do as she started crying and wouldn't quit. By the time we sang the 2nd song, Richard had taken Kimberlee out in the foyer. Pamela went up with us and sang her heart out.

For Pamela's fourth birthday, Pamela came to me and said that she didn't want a spanking for her birthday because she was too big for that.

Monday, Feb. 24, 1975, we went to the prison for Family Home Evening. Marc and Diane Mangum went with us. Diane played for our family and Henry to sing the two songs we had sung Thursday. Then I sang a solo "Hold Thou My Hand." We also sang "Oh The Cruelty of The Old Apple Pie." We had another prisoner meet with us this week. His name was Elay Martinez.

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Tuesday Feb 25. Parent-Teacher Conferences. Wesley is doing just great. Alvin has improved greatly on his writing and doing a lot more reading. Laura is doing wonderful. She especially likes creative writing. Guy is doing very well also. He has been completing his art projects much better since he doesn't have to deliver milk to the classes any more.

Early Thursday, Feb 27, morning about 13:00 a.m., the telephone rang. It was from Victor Becenti, the Navaho Indian we had living with us. About 5 or 6 weeks ago I had written to him to see what he was doing. He had called me a couple of weeks later and everything seemed to be fine. This time, however, he was in Phoenix, Arizona, at a motel and seemed awfully frightened.

The next day Richard called his Branch President to see what the score was. Apparently Victor has not been too active in the Church. He has been involved in just about everything. He is active in the AIM American Indian Movement.

On the phone Richard suggested to him that he pray. He told Richard

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March 1, 1975. We celebrated our 12th Wedding Anniversary. These have been 12 very happy years. We worked in the garden during the day. About 5:00 that afternoon we received a telephone call asking us to be at the Stake Presidents office at 7:00 that night. Since we were planning to go out to dinner we stopped there on our way.

A new singles branch is going to be organized at Stake Conference. Richard was called to be 1st Counselor to Brother Donald Hottinger the Branch President. Brother John Kirkham is the 2nd Counselor. The children and I will continue to attend Sunday School, Primary and Relief Society in the 1st ward. We are to attend the Branch Sacrament meeting and the activities when possible.

Richard spent the next two weeks getting the office ready and in meetings preparing things for the branch to be organized.

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Sunday March 16, 1975. Stake Conference and Richard was released from the Stake High Council. That evening in Sacrament Meeting for the branch. He along with the rest of the Presidency were sustained by the people in the Singles Branch. We both had to speak.

Wednesday March 19, 1975 we went down to the Church office building where we visited with Brother James E. Faust, an assistant to the Council of the Twelve. He then set apart each of the brethren in their new positions. One of the things he told Richard was that he was to be a counselor and... give counsel even though he felt it might not be accepted.

Tuesday March 25, 1975. Guy, Laura Alvin, and Wesley sang on a talent show at school with their cousins, Shawn, Carol, Steven and Ricky. Grandpa Black played for them. They sang "Ching Ching Chi" and "Oh The Crust of the old Apple pie."

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Knowles, an orthodontist. She needed two of her baby teeth pulled and when the permanent teeth come in they will also need to be pulled. For now she has a lingual arch behind her bottom teeth. Spring Kimberlee is talking in sentences and has been talking very plain for quite some time. In April the engine quit running on our 1966 Dodge Station Wagon. After much debate and looking we finally found a 1964 Dodge Dart to use to turn around in. When Richard received word that he was going to be sent to San Francisco for a school we decided to take the family with and make it a vacation. This meant that we needed a larger more dependable vehicle. We looked at Internationals and then for several weeks. Finally we found a 1969 Chrysler Station Wagon that we both liked for \$950.00 so we purchased that one. For the next few weeks we worked steadily towards getting ready for our trip. On Wednesday May 21 at about 6:00 p.m. we headed out. We traveled all night arriving at Reno about 5:30 the next morning. We drove over to Carson City and Virginia City, Nevada. It was still too early for

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Anything to be open. We then drove through
Silver City and decided to go towards Lake Tahoe.
We took a mountain road that was very
steep and very high. This was very pretty scenery.
We picked up some huge pine cones at
Lake Tahoe. We stopped about 9:00 a.m.
at the Big Boy Restaurant at South Lake Tahoe
for our breakfast. From there we drove into
Sacramento (a very steep decline and since most
of us had colds it was very hard on our
ears). Here we found a motel (a very nice
one and large) for \$24.00 for the night. We
rested, ate, went swimming in the motel's
pool, watched TV and went to bed.

..... Next morning which was Friday, we ate...
breakfast and packed the car and left for
San Francisco. When we got there we looked
for a motel with the hopes that it
would be cheaper than the 16' foot
trailer we had reserved. We also looked
at the trailer courts we would have to
stay in. They were really quite "crammy".
To get a nice one would have cost us
about \$75.00 for the week. The trailer rental
would have been over \$100.00 for the week.
We were fortunate enough to locate a nice
motel for \$95.00 per week. It was at the
Mission Bell Motel and had a kitchen,

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3 double beds, bathroom and a TV set.

We went to the trailer rental place and explained our situation. They were nice enough to give us our \$20.00 deposit back. After unpacking and eating we rested a while and then drove to the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a bitter cold day. We walked out about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way and looked out at the water. It was really some sensation as the cars went whizzing by and the bridge vibrated under your feet. After getting back in the car we drove through a tunnel and down a little road that went under the Golden Gate Bridge. We went through an army camp and another tunnel and then along a winding mountain road through other army camps. We thought we were going to come back out on the other side soon so we could get back on the freeway. Every road we took only got us more confused. Finally, after seeing a lot of country, we decided we had to turn around and take the road that we came on back to the freeway. I think the kids were a little frightened that we wouldn't find our

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way back. On the way back to the motel we stopped at the beach west of San Francisco and had lots of fun. There was a man digging for sand crabs so the kids helped him. Pamela and Kimberlee liked to play in the sand.

Each of the 4 older children paid for so many pictures to take while we were on our trip so we got quite a few pictures taken with our polaroid camera.

Saturday May 24 we went to Muir Woods and spent the morning. This was very relaxing and enjoyable. In the afternoon we went to Sausalito Beach, ate our lunch and played on the beach... some more... Back at the motel we bathed and got ready for Sunday. I was sure thankful for the motel and the shower. That night we drove down through Chinatown, but the kids were all asleep before we got there. We also found the place where the church was!

Sunday May 25, Richard went to Priesthood meeting. We went to Sunday school. Even Pamela and Kimberlee went to their class which surprised me greatly. After a nap we went to Sacrament Meeting. A Polynesian couple spoke about the importance of the Priesthood in their home. After

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Monday May 26, was a full day. We
went to Fisherman's Wharf. Went on a boat
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Alcatraz Island and under the Bay
Bridge. We stopped at the Aquatic Park
and ate our lunch, then went through
part of the maritime museum. We stopped
at the chocolate factory at Girardelli Square
and bought a pound of chocolate. Then
we went for a ride on the cable car
stopping at the cable car barn.
From there we walked quite a few blocks
down through China Town and then on
to Union Square. At Union Square there
was either a fellow or a girl blind not sure
which dressed and painted up. He or she
was walking around imitating people
who walk through the square. We stopped
and watched. This was kind of enjoyable
after walking so far. Finally we caught
the cable car and rode back to where
we originally got on. Then we went
through a group of old goats. This was
a state park. By now we were all pretty
tired. We stopped at a market

and got half a pound of shrimp and a loaf of sourdough bread. Went home and made a salad for dinner.

Tuesday May 27. Richard started his school this morning so he took the Bart into town. The rest of us went to the zoo. This was fun but tiring. We were fascinated by the Simba who has an inflatable bag in his throat and makes a very loud noise. The baby hangs onto the mother as she jumps from bar to bar. We also got a good idea so we could hear about the different kinds of animals. I got a sunburn that day. After dinner that night we went... to... Thornton's... State Park Beach and had a lot of fun. I ~~got~~ took a few pictures of the family having fun.

One day while on this trip Richard had gone down to the car for something and was gone quite awhile. Pamela asked "Where's Daddy?" Kimberlee spoke up with "He's gone to a meeting." All of the time Kimberlee and Pamela go around saying "I'm a big girl, huh?"

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Wed. May 28, 1975. We went to the Golden Gate Park and the Aquarium. This was very interesting, but I was very tired, and Kimberlee wasn't cooperating. At 2:00 pm, we went to the Morrison Planetarium and saw an interesting show about the stars. Kimberlee went to sleep and I kept dozing off.

Thursday the 29th we went to Mission Dolores, the first Catholic mission to San Francisco. Then we visited the old Mint and the kids were able to push a button which made a memorial coin.

After supper the kids got their swim suits on to go to the beach. By the time we got to the beach the fog had rolled in and it was so cold you could see your breath so we didn't stay at that beach. We went home and packed as much as possible.

Friday May 30, 1975. We finished packing and got ready. We watched Big Valley on TV. Then we went to Pioneer Hall. We stopped to eat at the Dogie Diner. Then we were headed toward Fisherman's Wharf to get some sour-dough bread when we remembered that we had left our alarm clock at the motel.

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So instead of going to the parks we drove back to the motel. By the time we got back downtown it was time to go to the Standard oil display on the world of oil. Richard met us there and we started for home about 4:00 p.m. About 6:30 on the east end of Sacramento we stopped at Denny's to eat supper. We had a very nice supper. We then drove all night arriving home at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. I took me most of the day putting things away. Richard had conference meetings starting at 3:00 p.m. On Sunday we went to Stake Conference. Our Bishop... Chet... Dutchings was sustained as 2nd Counselor in the Stake Presidency.

Before we went on our trip I went out to the prison for their Mother's Day Program. I sang "You're The Best Little Mother" for both the medium and minimum programs.

Sunday June 2, Laura and Alvin sang in the Primary Chorus for Stake Conference.

June 16, 1975. I took Mom Mammott to admit her to the LDS Hospital. Tuesday morning June 17th she was operated on for cataract by Dr. H.H. Bartholomew. The operation went well and she is recovering nicely. Most of her children chipped in \$80.00 towards shipping to pay for it.

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his Citizenship "in the Nation." at the
Court of Honor.

The 1st ward was reorganized and
some of the 3rd ward people joined too.
Our new Bishop is Henry P. Munk.
with Lefay Turner 1st counselor and Henry
Gardner 2nd counselor. We were put in the ward.

July 4, 1975. The Singles Branch had
a picnic that we took the family too.
They had gone to great measures of
put up... decorations in the parking
lot. They had had trouble with
the wind all afternoon. They called
on Richard to say the prayer and
just as he started a great big gust
of wind came up and began
blowing everything over and away.
We all pitched in and gathered
up things and went into the
cultural hall.

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July 7, 1975. Guy, Laura, Alvin and Wesley began swimming lessons at Granite High School. Laura also took violin lessons earlier in the summer.

Sunday July 13, 1975. At the Court of Honor Guy received 2 merit badges, Dairying and Home Repair plus 2 skills awards. First Aid and Citizenship. He also became a Tenderfoot Scout.

During the month of July Henry was moved from medium security to minimum security.

July 24th. The Branch had the responsibility of decorating a float for the parade. They were not quite finished with it the night before. They drove it down town and parked it in front of the Greyhound bus depot. We went down to see if they needed any help and we ended up staying until about 2:00 a.m. Then the kids and Richard delivered the Green Sheet. Then Richard got up about 5:00 and went back down with President Hottinger. The rest of us got up and went down later. Mom & Dad & Ann & Susan went with us. The Branch received a trophy for ^{the} float.

At night the branch had a square dance in the church parking lot. Guy and Laura got up and danced. Later on Jeff Hegerson asked Pamela to dance with him. The dance was a round dance where you change

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danced a Polka with him.

One day during the summer Laura
came to me with her chin really
bleeding. I put Golden Seal on it and
applied pressure. It took quite a long
time to get the bleeding stopped.
It was just the size of a pinpoint.
Later that day the golden seal got
picked off and she began bleeding again.
It was almost harder to get stopped
this time. I gave her some of my iron
pills to help build her up. I still
don't know what caused it.

One day Guy and Laura were having a
tiff. Laura went chasing Guy out the back
door and slammed the door on his hand.
We took him in to see if anything was
broken.

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August 1, 2, the Branch had an overnight outing at the Stokes Recreational property. It was chilly, but it was a lot of fun. We all slept out.

August 7, 1975	Foot length	Height	Weight
Guy	9 inches	56 1/2 in.	78 lbs
Laura	9 1/4 in.	57 1/2 in.	73 lbs
Alvin	8 1/2 in.	50 1/2 in.	56 lbs.
Wesley	7 1/2 in.	46 1/2 in.	46 lbs.
Pamela	6 3/4 in.	41 3/8 in.	36 lbs.
Kimberlee	5 1/4 in.	34 1/2 in.	27 lbs.

The summer has sped along. I have worked and completed up to date so far a scrapbook of all our family happenings. It is pretty nice.

Our garden has been a great source of food as well as industry. The cow has been dry for a couple of months and we have surely missed the milk. On September 8, 1975, just before we left to go to the prison Rosy gave birth to a nice big healthy bull calf. The calf is doing nicely and growing each day.

Rosy needed her toenails clipped and we kept putting off getting it done until one day she got very bad. I finally got the name of Bill Peeps who trims nails and he came. She really had a hard time recovering from it and limped for a very long time.

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School started September 2, 1975. Guy
is in the 6th grade and has Mrs.
Dumas as his teacher. Laura is in
a 4-5th grade mixed class with Mrs.
Virginia Clark as her teacher again. Alvin
our second grader has Mrs Beth Clark.

Wesley is in 1st grade and has Mrs. Mayo.

Alvin was chosen as student council
representative for his class during this
year.

.... Sister Diane Stoner was called to be
the new Boyer B leader in September.
She was just what the program needed.
She has given the enthusiasm and
provided the leadership so the program
has been carried forth. During September
October, November & December our boys have
led the stakes and the other wards are
starting to improve also. After having
won 3 months in a row our ward got
to keep the trophy. We kind of took
things easy the 4th month and
I guess everyone else did too because
they took 1st place again.

Guys scouting accomplishments - during Aug-
December 1975 and January 1976

Aug - Genealogy and Fingerprinting

Sept - Gardening and Corn Farming

Oct - Art and Became a Second Class Scout

Nov - Reading, Farm Mechanics, First Aid,
Firemanship, Citizenship in the Community,

Printing, Stamp Collecting, Scholarship,

Dec. Farm Arrangement, Painting, Woodwork,

Farm Records, Public Health, Traffic
Safety, and Animal Science

Jan 1976 - Music and became First Class Scout

He has earned 8 skills awards since

becoming a Boyer B in February.

Middle of October... the teacher in Granite School District
went on strike for a week. Time will be made up.

September 8, 1975 - Our cow gave birth to a
bull calf just before we went to the prison.
I watch it being born. The next day
Alvin went to school and told his teacher
that we had a new addition. She said,
"Really? What was it?" Alvin replied, "a
bull."

We were expecting a new baby on the
20th of September. On the 22nd I thought
the baby was coming so we went to
the hospital, but it ^{the baby} was too high and
they sent me back home with a

sleeping pill. I didn't take it 'til we got home. It was about midnight and I was hungry so we stopped at J.B.'s and had a fish sandwich. I was groggy but didn't sleep much the next day. Richard stayed home until noon and I went with him running errands.

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That day Carrell came and cleaned my kitchen and frontroom carpet. I looked at the walls and the rest of the house and decided that they needed cleaning also and nobody was going to do it if I didn't. So I... I got busy and I scrubbed the.... frontroom, then the kitchen. I was very ambitious for several days.

(Or there) Saturday September 27, 1975. I had an appointment with the Dr. so Richard dropped me off while he went out to Bountiful to Moscos to get some rabbit pens. Just before he was ready to examine me he got a call from the hospital. He had to go deliver a baby so he didn't get to examine me. He just came in and spoke to me real quick.

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All day long I kept having a lot of pressure pains. Richard had a stake conference meeting to be to at 4:00 p.m. At about 4:30 Alvin I wanted his hair cut so I sent him, Laura, and Pamela over to Richard's parents' place to borrow their hair clippers. Sister Hollinger just happened to pass by their place while they were there. She was on her way over to the Stake House and when she got to the meeting she told Richard that all the bids were over to his folks and she was just sure something was up. It wasn't long until Richard was home. It was... I kind of glad he had come home as I really wasn't feeling real well and the noise of the children was getting to me. Richard helped with dishes, milked the cow and we got the children bathed and ready for bed. Then I turned the pains I and decided to take a chance on going to the hospital again.

We arrived at the hospital about 8:00 p.m. I went into the labor room about 9:00 p.m. This time they have some new equipment that measures the beat of the baby's heartbeat and the

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Since Dr. Wood had suffered a
heart attack I had Dr. Max Steele
deliver the baby. It was a nice
healthy baby boy weighing in at
8 lbs. 2 1/2 oz. 21 1/2 inches long. He
was born at 11:02 p.m. Sept 27, 1975.
He has been a very good baby. He
sleeps most of the time. I will
be going home from the hospital Wed.
October 1. Dr. Danie was the Pediatrician
who took care of him.

The boys were bragging to the girls about
the baby being a boy. Kimberlee told them,
"It isn't a boy and it isn't a girl, it's
a baby."

While I was in the hospital the Branch
Relief Society brought in Supper every night
and for a couple of nights after.
They also sent some of the sisters
over to see what they could do to help
me with. The Ward Relief Society
Presidency also brought a nice meal in.

Richard took time off from work while I
was in the hospital and tended the

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Children. He also went out to the state farm and got the hay we needed for our cow and calf. We are going to buy the cow from Mr. Conner and rent the pasture from him.

Sunday November 2, 1975. Blythe Thatcher, the Branch Spiritual Living leader had asked me to bring the baby to her lesson as Exhibit B as an witness that there is a God.

During Fast and Testimony Meeting at the Branch at 5:00 p.m. at the new Building at 4600 So 6th E. (this was the first time we met there.) Richard blessed the baby and gave him the name of Patrick Ryan Black.... He got passed around before the meeting and became awake and upset and started to cry. He cried during the blessing and I ended up taking him out and spent the rest of the night out. I sent Kimberlee back in to get a diaper and she got lost and went crying through the Chapel at the top of her lungs "Mommmy, Mommmy, I want my Mommmy." I finally got her settled down and Patrick fed and Jeannie Laflang brought Pamela out.

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Pamela had gone to sleep and not the pants all over the bench. By then Viola had brought Russell out so she kept Patrick while I took Pamela & Kimberlee and went home to change Pamela. On the way out of the restroom Kimberlee pinched her finger in the door. If I hadn't had to go back for the rest of the family I would have been tempted to stay at home but I did go back. Those who were in attendance of the family were Mom Black Ann and Susan. (Dad had broken his foot when he and Richard went deer hunting). Suzanne, Patrice and Anna Lea, Judy, Sharon, Carol, Steven, Ricky, Lynn, and Sharon, Mom Minnott, Nancy and her mother, (Melvin was back east going to a school.) Viola, Carroll, Diana, Leena, Linda, Raymond, Jimmy, and Russell. We invited people over after but only Judy's family and Mom, Dad, Ann and Susan were able to come. Of course Patrick's Mother and Father and all his brothers and sisters were in attendance at the meeting.

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November 8, 1975 We had a birthday party for Alvin since he is going to be eight years old Nov. 13. We played games, had movies and had donuts and milk for dessert. We also had a treasure hunt.

Alvin is very excited about Cub-Scouting. The first week he had earned his Bobcat and 3 of the achievements toward Wolf. The second week he passed off 3 more.

Thursday December 4, 1975 Alvin was baptized a member of the church by his father Richard Evan Black. We went from the baptism to the Pack Meeting at the lodge where Alvin received his Bobcat award.....

Sunday December 7, 1975 Alvin was confirmed a member of the church by his father Richard Evan Black at the Millcreek 1st ward.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend we drove to Sweetwater park on Bear Lake and were the guests of Sweetwaters. We are interested in purchasing a limited partnership which allows 5 weeks of the year at 4 different locations Sweetwater, Jackson Hole, Park City, and San Diego, Calif.

We enjoyed ourselves even though we had to travel in a snow storm.

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both ways. We went swimming in the heated outdoor pool. This was quite an experience. On the way home we drove around the Logan Temple and then went to Gossens Cheese factory and bought a whole lot of cheese.

Monday Dec 1, we invited Bishop and Sister Muehl to go with us to the prison. We also took Sherene DeMille and Jeannie Leeflang with us. Sherene played for us while we sang as a family "The Carol of the Drum".

Wed Dec 3, Stake Christmas party.

Sat Dec 6, We went to Payson to a tree farm and cut our Christmas tree. It was a pretty tree, but I don't think we saved anything. It was fun anyway.

Brother and Sister Dean Witt left on a mission to Australia. They asked our family to sing at their farewell so we did. About a year ago we set up a family missionary fund. For Christmas this year we sent \$5.00 each to Lee Warren, Randy Whipple, Wilford Worden, Karen Terry and Brother & Sister Witt. We got some nice letters back.

Laura is doing very well on the violin. She has been playing with the school orchestra and they put on a Christmas Concert for school, P.T.A. and several other schools. Laura's primary teacher Sister Diane Gaidner also plays the violin and together with Dianne's sister they worked up a number and presented it at a party that was given in honor of the Wills before they left on their mission.

The Blayden B boys gave the flag ceremony at Dec PTA meeting. They conducted it. Then after our children and Judy's children I went over to Sister Stoner's where the primary teachers were having a party. They had been asked to sing several numbers as their entertainment. I made dresses alike for the girls.

One of the Relief Society lessons was on Eliminating Self-Defeating Behavior. One thing that strikes me is that when we have the courage to do things as we know we should and get out of the rut we may have gotten into that is when the blessings come. After thinking about this and the times in our own

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 For 3 of the Monday nights in December
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 We went to Beneficial Christmas Party
 at the hotel Utah. Blythe Thatcher from
 the Branch tended for us and she
 organized the kids and cleaned house.
 We also went with a group from the
 Branch and sang some songs at both
 Rest homes in the state.
 Guy, Laura & Alvin have been taking
 Piano lessons but for about the last
 month the teacher hasn't come.....
 Mrs. Connor gave us an old ewe that
 had been ruptured when her twins were
 born in the spring. She wouldn't
 stay in our field and one day jumped
 the fence and ran down the road.
 We followed her and in the process of
 trying to catch her she ran into
 the side of a car. By the time
 we turned around in the traffic
 she had gotten out of sight. We
 never did find her. Chad Pearson and
 David Holliday saw her one day but
 when we went to look we couldn't

find her. When Mr Connor killed his sheep he asked Guy if he wanted the sheepskins. Guy went up and got them and cured them. He is now in the process of tanning them.

The Branch Relief Society quilted a quilt for Patrick and gave it to me when I went to sing for Blythe Thatcher's lesson in December. They did a good job. It was their first attempt at quilting.

This year for Christmas we fixed up three boxes with food and presents for Judy's family, Carroll and Viola, and Devon and Doris. We delivered them on a foggy night and left them on the doorstep so they wouldn't know who had left it. Then we had to try to keep it a secret from them. The fun part was in keeping it a secret.

Within one week we had already received a blessing. Three people called us and wanted to buy a bread mixer. The money we received from this helped us to pay for our own Christmas.

The Sunday before Christmas Alvin sang a solo on the Sunday School program. On Sacrament Meeting Laura sang a solo "What Child Is This" and

He sang one verse of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
 For Christmas Eve we invited Teena
 Jenny, a girl from the branch who didn't
 go home, over to share a little
 program. Laura gave a presentation on
 the 1st Christmas. Then Teena played
 the guitar and we all joined in singing
 some songs. We gave Teena a present and
 each of us opened a present. We had
 a very nice Christmas!

New Years Eve the Branch had a
 party. We played games. Some of the
 people from the Branch had put on
 a floeshow for the Stake New Year's Eve
 dance. They came over and put it
 on for us. Then at midnight we saw
 a show "The All-American Family Band."

On April Laura and He sang on the
 program of the Mothers and Daughters night
 at Lincoln.

The children have grown physically and
 spiritually during the past year. They have
 performed well in church and school. We
 are proud of them. This year has been a
 full one. Many remembrances of the year
 are kept in our family scrapbook.

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We have had a financial struggle this last year trying to get ourselves out of debt. We have accomplished much but still have a long way to go. Possibly in the next year we will be able to get rid of the rest of the bills.

Nov 18, 1975 - Thoughts gained from Relief Society lesson. We need to widen a child's horizon. Think about grandparents. include them when possible. Children could spend time alone with grandparents. Grandparents should be invited to attend performances or functions. Thoughts from the

Social Relations lesson on Eliminating Self-Defeating Behavior. which is something you do that does not make you happy.

God did not give you any self-defeating behavior. We are sons and daughters of God (D&C 76:22-24)

To help eliminate self-defeating behavior we should keep a diary everyday and keep record of self-defeating behavior.

When we make excuses for this behavior one reason leads to another.

How do I rationalize my self-defeating behavior? By thinking it can be done differently. We got away with it once and we keep going back to it to do it that way.

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Make a list of what I can do to
eliminate my self-defeating behavior.

Pre-experience each day and decide
ahead of time how I am going to
handle a given situation.

November 24, 1975 Patrick had his 1st
DPT and Polio vaccinations.

"Because I Care I Share"

Date 1976

I have made a commitment to write a family journal and keep a family scrapbook up to date. I have now caught up with everything. I'm sure I may be always thinking of things I have left out but I am going to try to keep it current from now on.

Saturday January 10, 1976 We went as a family to the show "Jonathan Livingston Seagull". It is a story of a young seagull who felt that there was more to life than living in the garbage dump fighting over scraps or fighting over the scraps that the fishermen throw out. He was always trying to perfect his flying. He kept trying to fly faster than any..... Seagull had ever flown before. It showed his discouragements, set backs, and even the social pressure put on him by his flock to conform to the normal way of doing things. Finally, because he didn't conform he was cast out of the flock to wander alone. He traveled around the earth seeing many different places and things. It then showed him as if he had died and gone to a new home. Here everyone understood him and taught him the things they had learned. The time for parting came

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and he was told that he was to find others who needed his help and teach them the things he knew.

He went back to his old flock only to discover another young seagull, Fletcher, being cast out. Jonathan takes him, tutors him teaching him and others who were willing to listen the things he had learned.

It was such a good likeness of what life is really like. The pressure to conform to the crowd, to not reach your full potential, to fight over things not worth having to begin with.

..... A powerful ^{that} at the end was that we are to find out what we do well, do it and then teach it to others who need to know it.

That night the children wanted to discuss in a family council about assigning the different jobs for doing the dishes. Richard suggested that instead we should all pitch in and do what we see needs being done. We should lift ourselves above having to do it and do it because we want too. Ever since Christmas we have been doing the dishes as a family. Either

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Richard and wash. Someone rises, someone clears the table and the others dry and put away. This has worked out real well most of the time.

Tuesday Jan 12, 1976. Went to Relief Society today. Last evening we went to the prison for our homernight. We tried something different this time. We had just a short thought and spent the rest of the time in an activity making snowflakes. An activity of this kind seems to work out better at the present time as it is too noisy to really hear or give a lesson.

We talked with Bishop Learty about having a table. Henry is supposed to work on getting one for us.

Patrick is $3\frac{1}{2}$ months old. He is surely growing fast. He started playing with us at about 2 months or earlier and has gradually increased. He is very fun to play with and laughs and giggles when played with. He has turned over a couple of times. He sleeps all night and has done for about a month or more.

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Many times I have heard speakers say that they hoped they would not offend anyone with what they said. I have wondered why anyone would say that, why should the truth offend. Many times also I have heard people become offended for things that they shouldn't have. Today in contemplating this, it suddenly dawned on me that this must be the reason the speakers did not wish to offend. He hoped that the people would understand what he was trying to tell them. and put it into practice and not be hard-hearted.

In a discussion today we talked of life and how it seems that just when we seem to master some job or problem we are given more. I am convinced that this is a definite fact of life and that it is the Lord's plan to continually teach us something new.

Wesley offered to make waffles for dinner tonight. He did a pretty good job. I would tell him one step at a time what to do and he

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did most of it himself. He is learning to read, but has not mastered it well enough to read and make something with a recipe yet.

Pamela and Kimberlee play very well together. They play house by the hour. They each got a doll and together they got a tea set for Christmas. They really enjoy this. One day Pamela said to me, "The dolls are toys but not the tea set." I said "Oh, really, what is the tea set?" She said "It is a grown up thing."

Alvin, Guy, and Laura each got a cassette recorder for Christmas... They have had lots of fun making radio programs and getting into each others hair.

We have set up a goal of lengthening our stride in a different area each month of this year. This month is honesty.

For a music merit badge Guy was working on he wrote a song 12 measures long. This seemed to whet his and Laura's appetite for songwriting. He is working on another one and Laura has written one about honesty for her lesson next week.

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Kimberlee is $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old. I keep thinking that she is 3 or older. She has grown up so fast. She has been going to Jr. Sunday School for about one year and I has been talking since then also. She talks in sentences and very clearly most of the time. She seems to understand most things except when she does it want to. This is a common occurrence with most of us members of the human race.

Pamela is $4\frac{1}{2}$ and is beginning to show signs of being a little more independent..... She used to be very independent as a baby. Whenever the whole family was together in one room you could almost count on Pamela being off by herself in another room. After Kimberlee was born she became more dependent and even acted more like a baby. I'm sure she will continue to gain a little more independence as time goes on.

Wed Jan 14, 1976. Substituted in Primary for Wesley's Class today. I went visiting teaching with Lois Leavitt at 6:00. We have Lynetta Minchley, a

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non member, Sister Crystal Carlson, and two new ones added, Ray Asker and Sister Forsberg. When we went to Sister Forsberg's her husband let us in. She was in the kitchen. When she heard it was visiting teachers she became very homesick and said "I am eating supper but I guess I don't need any." Then she came in and proceeded to tell us that she didn't have time for us to come because her nights were too busy when she got home at night. I really felt a cold evil feeling in that home I and I was dumbfounded. I think I shall bake... some bread... and take to her.

God expects us to sacrifice all that we have and dedicate our lives to His service.

Patrick is starting to sit up in his walker with some support by blankets. He has eaten small pieces of white bread and today had some peaches and oatmeal from a bottle. He doesn't seem to care whether or not he has solid.

Most of the time Kimberlee says "Thank You" when you do something for her.

January 16, 1976 Lincoln Elementary is having a musical in honor of the Bicentennial. Guy and Laura both tried out for the part of narrator. Guy was in the finals and today he came home with the news that he had been chosen as one of the narrators. I am very happy that he wants to be involved in things and doing things like this. I believe Scouting has helped him in this area a great deal.

After school Guy, Alvin and I worked on scrubbing down one of the sheepskins that Mr. Connor gave us. It came fairly clean considering how filthy it was. I Guy spent the night over at Shamus, Patricia came and tended the other children while Richard and I went to the temple to witness Sister Coleman being sealed to her husband. I really believe that he had to die in order to become a member of the church and have his temple work done.

The sealer, Brother [unclear], told of an experience that happened about 16 years ago. A young couple were to be married on a Friday. On Wednesday of that week they were in an auto accident

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and she was killed. Well, the young man came to the temple to get her sealed. It couldn't be done for a year. He insisted. The Temple President said no. He insisted. President McKay said no. The next morning Pres. McKay called the temple and gave permission for the sealing to take place. The young man brought witnesses and a girl to stand proxy. Neither of their parents could get a recommend so while the sealing was going on they decided to drive around the temple square. As they came around the temple they could see the young girl sitting in the window. They drove around again and she was still there witnessing the marriage. When they came around again she was gone the sealing was over. These parents came into the temple and said we will be ready to come to the temple in a year. This young girl had died that the parents might become active.

The sealer wanted to emphasize that those people whose work is being done are in the temple witnessing it. He told

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Sister Coleman that her husband was there and I believe he was and that it is only proper that those spirits be there to witness the work being performed for them.

Another story he told was of a lady who came from Virginia with her four children, to be sealed to her deceased husband. Her husband had gone to Viet Nam and was lost in action. After the required 7 years he was declared legally dead. The lady clung on to the belief that her husband was still alive, but since he was pronounced legally dead, she had come to have his work done for him in the temple. Brother Ward felt the presence of the husband and father by his side and he told the lady that he did. She said that she wished she could believe that so that she might start her life anew. As Brother Ward was sealing the children to them the fourteen year old son broke the grip. He stopped and asked the boy to keep holding the grip until he had finished or he would have to keep doing it over.

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again. Throughout the rest of the ceremony tears streamed down the young fellows cheeks. Afterward he said, "O Brother Ward, didn't you see my father? This young man had been privileged to witness his father's presence that his mother might know for a surety that he was really dead."

Brother Ward said that the temple was for the spirits. We are only proxies for them. Brother Ward certainly had a wonderful spirit with him. On the way home in discussing things and Sister Coleman the thought occurred to me that just listening to other people... can be one of the best ways of rendering compassionate service.

Over the past few months several different acts by people have left me with ideas on how to help others and especially in regards to Relief Society.

First, I call each sister (most likely those who are already active or come at least once a month) after Relief Society each week. Those who have been there before will be missed and should be made aware that they are missed and that you are concerned.

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 there. Also I should make it a
 point to know and speak to every-
 one who is at Relief Society. I
 need to work on remembering
 names. The secretary would be
 very useful in helping to fulfil the
 above suggestion. I could
 start to apply this principle on a
 small scale now, especially in
 getting to know everyone at
 Relief Society.

Another program would need to be
 thought of for fellowshipping those who
 are totally inactive. Visiting teachers
 should be of great help in this area.
 Remembering that blessings flow down
 from heaven when we are willing
 to try a new way and to put forth
 the extra effort that is required to
 make them work.

A personal interview with each set of visiting teachers by the Relief Society is now suggested by the General Board. To evaluate and set goals for each is vitally important. When interviewing it is important to let the other person say what is on their mind first so they will have an open mind. Then tell what they have said and help them make goals for themselves. Check up at a later date is necessary to see if they are achieving their goals or if they need to reset other goals.

Another idea would be to know each house in the ward and who lived there. When someone moves out if possible let them know they will be missed. When someone moves in someone should be there to welcome them and find out how many are in the family and any other pertinent information about them. At least one meal and preferably two should be prepared by sisters who are close neighbors.

Another idea brought to my attention by Sister Johnson, the 12th Ward President, is to have a special moment every so often about a different sister. In the ward that the rest of the sisters may know and love her more. This would be great for those sisters who need to have the assurance of others love more often. This may be a tool in activating sisters.

A thoughtful card sent to people we really appreciate is a good idea to start right now.

Saturday January 17, 1976. I conducted a television Sunday between 10:30-11:00 p.m. I will be paid \$4.00 for doing so.

Sunday January 18, 1976. Patrick is sitting in the walker and today he pushed with his legs and went backward one step. His muscles are developing rapidly. When he is lying on his back being changed he scoots backwards. He also giggles and laughs when being changed and dressed.

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Jan 19 Went to Karen and Don's for home night. Laura gave a very good lesson on Honesty. Then we sang the song that Laura wrote about Honesty. Karen and Don have a very nice home with a large yard.

Tuesday Jan 20, Went to Relief Society. Mickey Tolbert gave a very good lesson on mother's education. Some things I gained from the lesson.

- 1- I am what I think you think I am.
- 2- Discipline is a derivative of disciple.
- 3- We should be loving and understanding even though we may have suffering inflicted upon us.
- 4- Need to be willing to help when help is asked for.
- 5- Need to help younger children learn to pray better.
- 6- Need to talk to God about our children as much as we talk to our children about God.
- 7- The Holy Ghost can touch the child's spirit if used correctly in discipline.
- 8- Need to spend more time one on one basis with the children.

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9- Places mentioned by people that they remembered special talks with their parents.

a. mountains

b. home at the table

c. driving in the car

d. homecoming after school, work, or church

e. after dates

f. communication through letters.

10- Ingredients necessary for meaningful talks might be being alone with a child, the right mood set, open line established, listening not preaching.

..... During this lesson the thought came to me that I really don't remember having a heart-to-heart talk with my parents. I was the youngest of 10 children and since my parents were very busy, I needed to try to take a different child with me alone when I'd go places or get one alone in the house to talk. I need to make more opportunities to talk with each one.

Look Wesley shopping with me. He bought a box of crackers for a treat for the family.

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Wednesday Took Pamela with me to the store.

Thursday Took Laura & Willy to the store with me. Patrice landed for us while we went up to a cabin in Big Cottonwood Canyon for a Home Evening Group Leaders Seminar. It was a very successful seminar. Most of the group leaders and their assistants were in attendance. We had a delicious meal served by the Relief Society. The cabin was 4 stories high.

On one of the showers was this little note.....

The one who uses this tub to scrub
Then must also scrub the tub.
Next they ought to polish the brass,
And last of all clean off the glass.

Friday Jan 23, Alice cut my hair & Pamela's. I cut Kishler's. Alvin brought Shaws woodburning bit. Gus brought a leather work bit. Lew is also tanning a sheepskin that Mrs Connor gave us.

Saturday Jan 24. We went to the last of the PTA School of Mom Series called "The Four Clowns". We did some cleaning of the yard and the addition.

Sunday Jan 25. Some thoughts I gained from Sabbath School.

Priesthood is not given to honor men, but rather to engage them in the service of mankind. And then the service of God.

You don't appreciate the Priesthood unless you use it in service.

Monday Jan 26, 1976. Patrick got his 2nd DPT and Polio today. Mom came down and made pie for us. For home night Mom & Dad & Blacks, Ann and Susan came over and we talked about Richard's early life. It tried to write down the things everyone remembered about him. We got D up to about the 4th or 5th grade. We also got some pictures from Mom Black.

Tuesday Jan 27, 1976. Patrick is 4 months old. Worked on scrapbook. I now have 5 complete books and am starting the 6th one. Wesley lost his first tooth today.

Wednesday Jan 28, 1976. Park Corner.
Called and I said that Rose was
ready to be bred, so I called Glen Mowitsen
of TABS 484-5511 and he came out and
I bred her with a milking Shorthorn. It
cost \$8.00

Whenever Keniberla gets mad at some-
one because they won't let her do what
she wants so I say "I won't let you
lay by me anymore."

Alvin has nearly completed the
requirements for his Wolf rank in Cub
 Scouts. He is having trouble with
the backward roll. He can't seem
to do it.....

Sat down with Guy and he planned
what he would like to accomplish in the
next 90 days.

Laura has figured out a plan to help
Pamela do her work better. She has a
chart and gives her a star when she has
completed something.

Patrick has found his thumb.
Most of the time he sticks all his
fingers in his mouth or else his whole
fist and chews on it, but once in a
while he gets his thumb in and chews
just on it.

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Friday Jan 29, 1976. I went shopping with Lila Widenburg for Guy's nest material & Laura's dress. Helped Guy observe for his Environmental Science project. We went over to the "Hog" property. This makes me want to get a piece of ground with a pond or stream on. We got Richard to work by 7:00 this morning. Went to Bratton with the Branch Presidency to take Bro and Sister Kirkham out. We waited and stood 1 1/2 hrs before we got a table.

Today in the mail Laura received a book from Elder Paul H. Dunn called "The Mosmonds"... At the first party the Branch had Laura won a book called "Anxiously Engaged" by Elder Dunn. She wrote I to him telling him how she got it and she enjoyed it. He sent her this other book with a personal note and signed. She got a letter from him the next day.

Saturday. Richard and I and the four oldest kids went swimming at South High School. Richard and Laura went to the Mornie-Miss Daddy Daughter Party.
 Sunday Feb 1, Patrick wasn't feeling well today. He has a fever and acts like he has a sore

throat. He is also staying up. I have stayed home with him today. I also have a neck ache and hand felt too well. Richard and Dad gave Patrick a blessing.

Monday, Feb. 12, 1976. Patrick, Kimberlee and Pamela all have colds so I stayed home while the rest of the family went out to the prison for home night with Henry. He had arranged for a table and they made Valentines. John McNeil had escaped.

Wednesday. Worked on bus. customer. Lela Vandenburg is putting butterflyholes on Guy's rest for I. me. Lester Coleman. Came to visit and thank us for coming to her sewing service. Today was 100% dry at Padmaray. Kimberlee was unable to go because of her cold. Also completed his requirements for his wife's night.

Laura went with Mom and Dad Black and Ann to the Granite High School Benefit Concert.

I was asked to run as P.T.A. President for next year. I felt that at the present time I could not handle that responsibility so I said no.

Thursday Feb 5, 1976. Wesley stayed home from school and got very ill during the night. Richards and his Dad administered to him and he was much better by morning.

Here are some notes I found on a Relief Society lesson on Communication.

Listen for feelings -

who speaks most - what tone of voice used, who is the leader.

listen, listen, listen, listen, listen!!!
try to get to the real cause.

Questions

How do you feel?

What happened?

Listen one to one.

Diagram the family to see how each child relates to each parent.

Do some little kindness everyday.

There was once a lady who bought space to advertising the Ten Commandments in a subway station.

Friday Feb. 1976! Wesley went back to school, but Laura was sick. Patrick, Pam, and Kimbabe have been ill all week. Guy finished his belt for his leatherwork.

Richards and I went with Glen and Alvin to the scout banquet. Alvin received 4 progress toward rank's beads and his

Rank. He was in a skit with his den. They received his Aviation and Leatherwork Merit Badges. He also was in a skit with the Fox Patrol. It was one that they had made up about "The Night Before Christmas" when they had gone Christmas Caroling.

Sunday, Feb 8, 1976, Children ill. Dad Black came over and stayed with them while I went to Sacramento Mtg. One of the main thoughts was that in order to feel good about ourselves we must put our trust in Jesus rather than in arms of flesh, as man tends to be.... fickle and can sometimes give us a negative feedback.

Also I thought that in the last days we ^{are} to prepare a people righteous enough to meet Christ when he returns.

"The act of love is God's work through you."

Patrick is laughing and smiling and is trying to pull himself up now.

Wednesday and Thursday Feb 11 and 12. Lincoln Elementary school I put on the production "Our Country is of Thee". Guy was one of the narrators. I made him a vest and a tie. Laura had several speaking parts and sang in the chorus. I made her a dress for it. Alvin had a speaking part and Wesley sang in the chorus. Everyone did very well and it was a very good production.

February 17, 1976 Patilaka is rolling all over the floor now and starting to grasp things very well. I took a tour of the Desert Industries. It was very interesting. They make up kits that are available to homebound and handicapped persons through the state homecare center.

Listened to a BYU devotional where Sister Barbara Smith spoke. She recommended that young girls not enlist in the army.

February 20, 1976 Richard got a raise in pay. He is now making \$14,400 a year or \$1,200 per month. This is nearly 2 1/2 times what he started at 5 1/2 years ago. We have certainly been blessed.

Guy went with Al about on an overnight camping trip.

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Saturday February 21, 1976. Richard took the last two plants on the C.D.P. today.

Alvin made a tie rack and some shelves for his bedroom.

Sunday February 22, 1976. Patrick has disbarbed his hands. He knows how to use them too. He grabbed hold of my hair and wouldn't let go. He has been very angry and has a rash all through his hair on his face.

Monday February 23, 1976. Guy celebrated his 12th Birthday. We all gave him the balance of the coins he needed for his coin collection.

Tuesday, I gave the Cultural Refinement Lesson on South Africa.

Saturday February 27, We rented a compost mill and chopped up the hay from the garage. Also planted peas.

Sunday February 29, 1976. Guy was passed on in sacrament meeting at the First Ward to become a Deacon. Afterwards Richard ordained him a Deacon. Grandpa and Grandma Black and Grandma Mammoth, Shawn, Diane Stoner, Brother Wells, the Deacons Quorum, Bishopric and the rest of the family were present.

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March 7, 1976 Pamela gave a little talk in Jr. Sunday School. Guy passed sacrament in Jr. Sunday School and also at the Branch Sacrament Meeting.

Last week I spent most of the week over to Mom & Dad Black's fixing and painting their front room. It looks really good.

March 8, 1976 Home night at the priories. Guy and Laura played a Ukulele, violin duet "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean". The whole family sang "Yankee Doodle".

March 11, 1976 Pack meeting. Alvin showed his hobby "Bottle Caps". I had come ~~sent~~ to be a "Den mother".

March 15, 1976 Court of Honor. Our ward placed 2nd for Feb. and March. The 8th ward took 1st place for both months. March was only 6 points difference. Guy received Dexterity, Computers, Safety, Coin collecting and Imanuvel merit Badges.

March 16, 1976 Laura held a tupperware party. She invited several of the girls from the branch.

Patrick would drink from a glass fairly good. He can eat a Grapefruit is starting to want something whenever I eat. He stands in his walker and gets around pretty good.

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He rolls all over the floor and can even push himself with his foot a short way.

March 18. Guy went to a Genealogy Class. Laura had her first baby - a sitting job for Sid and Mickey Tolbert. She earned \$2.00. Alvin is busy selling Cub Scout Carnival tickets.

Richard has had an offer for another job with a substantial increase in pay \$17,000.00. At the present he's not sure he will take it.

Saturday March 20, 1976. The 7th Branch had its ... one year reunion dinner & program. Sunday for Sacrament Meeting the Branch President and their wife were extemporaneous speakers. Guy had a fireside at Brother Turney.

Tuesday March 23, 1976. Guy, Laura and Alvin went down to KTVT Channel 2 Television station to film the program the school had put on.

Wednesday. Pamela got a polio and DPT booster. Patrick got the third DPT shot. Al helped take the scouts to Mountain States Bindery for a tour and they found their scout books.

March
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Thursday, March 25, 1976 Richard was ill today. I registered Pamela for Kindergarten. Went visiting teaching and to Joey Clark and Steve Caldwell's wedding reception.

Friday, March 26, 1976 Richard helped Alvin and Stephen with their pinewood derby cars.

Saturday, March 27, 1976. Patrick crawls real well now and gets wherever he wants. He is 6 months old now.

Richard, Guy, Laura, Alvin, Wesley, Pamela, & Kimberlee walked in the Superwalk. Pamela, Kimberlee & Laura... walked the equivalent of almost 2 miles. Then I took them home and purchased root beer making 3 cases of oranges. We set up a stand in front of the cleaning shop. We sold 195¢ worth it was snowing but we thought we could sell some anyway. Just about then Richard called. He was at home and had walked the whole route ^{to home} and not caught up with Alvin & Wesley. I took one car & he took the other and we each went different directions along the route.

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Date March 1976

I traveled Clear to Murray Park. No sign of them. They were not letting cars into the park. How was I ever going to find them. I rolled down the window to ask the guard where they would come out of the park. I just then Alvin I called "Mormon". I sent them into the park to get their card mailed and lunch. I then called home with the message that I had found them. It was sure glad they found me. Guy and Shawn had walked to Shawn's house ... rather than wait in the National Guard Armory for buses. Everybody finally got home safely. Richard has decided not to take this new job.

Sunday March 28, 1976. The children & I went to Test & Testimony meeting in the first ward. Guy was assigned to pass the microphone around.

Richard and I went to Jack & Marcie Zufelt's ward to an Elders Quorum Fireside to give a demonstration on food storage items. It was very interesting.

Date April 1976

We enjoyed General Conference. Friday Afternoon April 2, 1976 took Laura in for a checkup at the orthodontist, Dr. Knies. She needs to come back in 6 months again.

Wednesday April 7, The branch activity was the Newly & Wed game. Richard and I were participants. We came in 2nd place and received a nice terrarium.

Thursday April 8, the branch had a basketball game the whole family went together to. It was about the most exciting game I have ever been to.

At work Richard was offered a position as a staff assistant to Earl Clay. He will act as the go-between of the data-processing department and the rest of the company. He accepted.

Friday we cooked a foil dinner & played games. Saturday got up at 6:30 a.m. for an early morning breakfast. Then worked in the yard all day. Richard got the calf corral done. I got some of the garden planted. Needless to say we were stiff and sore.

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Sunday April 11, Laura sang a solo in Sacrament Meeting. Wesley had a speaking part and Alvin, Pamela & Kimberlee and Laura sang in the Chorus.

Tuesday April 13, 1976 Beneficial had an open house in the new building. The children went to see movies & when I came to get them they wanted to watch a magic act. By the time we were through it was nearly 7:00. The roadshows started at 7:00 and Guy was in it. Not sure which building they were showing the 1st ward in first, we stopped at the stake house. It was to be at the 8th & Branch building. I hurried over there and got there just in time for Guy to go on stage.

April 17, 1976. The kids went over to the shop and sold their rabbits. The cub scouts had their Pinewood Derby. Alvin got an award for the fanciest car.

April 18, 1976 - Easter - Guy, Laura, Alvin, and I sang with the 1st ward choir for their Easter Program. I sang "Oh Divine Redeemer" at the Branch Sacrament meeting. Mary Ann Evans accompanied me.

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April 19, 1976. We went to Temple Square for song
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Saturday April 24, 1976. I sang "Oh Divine Redeemer"
at Alice's stake. It was a Genealogical
Seminar. Elder Theodore H. Burton & a Brother
Solman were speakers. Sunday April 25, I sang
it again in the First Ward Sacrament
meeting. Brother Moritzson called to see if I
would sing it at Project Temple. Hence
Mary Ann couldn't make it. I got Moana
Landers to play for Laura & Alvin and they
sang "Oh How Lovely Was the Morning".

Last night the youth of the 1st ward had a
Spagetti Dinner, auction, roadshow and a
square dance... It was a lot of fun and
a lot of money was raised towards their
summer activities. Friday night the scouts
had gone on to camp. And Guy had
received too much sun. He was ill
but kept going until Sunday afternoon.
Then he slept for 4 hrs.

April 27, I gave the cultural refinement
lesson in Relief Society on Fiji.

April 30, Richard and I went out for
a steak & everything sandwich at the Italian
place. Very enjoyable.

Date May 1976

Saturday May 1, 1976. While Richard and the boys went to the stake farm I stay home and straightened the house and worked in the yard. Laura tended Tolbert's children while they went to the stake farm. We cleaned the yard and spread manure. Then we went over and got some lumber from the barn on the old farm. Prossity we got enough to build a fence for the calf, some studs for the house and lumber for the kids play house.

Sunday May 2, 1976 Had a practice for the song for Mother's day. The Branch had fast meeting at 4:00 today. Richard got home a lot earlier today than he does most Sundays. We walked up and visited with Brother and Sister Willden.

Monday May 3, 1976 - I took mom's things to her and visited and ate dinner with her. Richard came home a little early and we got another load of lumber. Richard has to keep fixing the calf's fence because he keeps breaking out. We had our home night at the Prison with Jerry. Laura and Alvin sang "Oh, Holy Land was the morning" there.

Date May 1976

Tuesday May 4, 1976. Attended Relief Society today. A very good lesson on the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is a personage of Spirit. He uses the Holy Spirit as a way of communicating to our spirits what we should know. We need to be tuned in to receive the message. Also we can receive gifts of the spirit if they are to benefit us and move the work of the Lord along. We should seek them on those conditions and then use them.

After Relief Society we drove over to see Bobbie Reynolds and her children. Scotty had chicken pox so we didn't go in but we... visited outside awhile.....

Saturday May 8, 1976. Mr. & Mrs. Marmont's children, plus a surprise birthday party for her. We held it at the branch building. She thought she was going to a branch Mother's Day party with me. She was really surprised. Laura went to the first rehearsal for the Mormon Youth Symphony Chorus. They are going to be recording songs this summer. She auditioned and was chosen from quite a large group of children.

Sunday May 9. Today was Mother's Day. I sang on The Mother's Day Program for

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Sunday School in a trio with Judy Hutchings and Bonnie Payman. We sang "To a Child." Our children also sang "I Am A Child of God." There were 5 mothers there who had 7 children.

I was one of them. I received a flower, booklet and a hanky. The Branch Relief Society also came and presented me with a lovely plant.

Tues. May 11, 1976, At Court of Honor Guy received his Star rank advancement. He mowed Redds Lanes, Willden and Emmu Bauman's lawns for his service hours. This developed into several other people wanting their lawns mowed for the summer.

Tuesday May 12 and Wed May 19, Laura was in another violin concert.

Thursday May 27, We went to an Appreciation Banquet with the Family Home Evening Program at the Granite Club Bldg. O Herby was one of the speakers. Debbie Land was married today and had her reception which we attended.

Friday, Ray Woolsey was married. Attended the ceremony in the Temple and then took the children to the reception.

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Since the children have been out of school
I have been trying to work in the yard a
little bit each day

August 1976-

The summer has gone by very rapidly
and I haven't accomplished as many
things as I would have liked, but
I have done a few things. At the beginning
of the summer we began work on a
playhouse but ran into trouble when the
footings for the clothesline poles were a
little wobbly and we decided that we
needed a slab of cement underneath
them. Not having the money right then
it was set aside. We have had a
fair garden - I have tried mulch quite a
bit this year and it has helped
keep the weeds down.

During the summer the kids have
been going to shows at the Avalon Theatre.
We got the tickets through the P.T.A.

Gene, Laura, Alvin & Wesley have each had
one session of swimming and have been
going swimming at Granite High School.

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I have had quite a few apricots given to me. So far I have bottled 102-129 bottles of apricot juice.

July 12-17 Richard and I went with the scout up to Flaming Gorge and on a river trip. Alvin went to a Cub scout Day Camp. I gave a bread and butter making demonstration for the Branch Relief Society at the Spring Meadows Club House.

The Branch went on a 3 day outing to Jackson Hole, Wyo. We drove up and the bus pitched our tents. The first night we went to the "Pink Sisters"..... to a production of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" followed by a musical review. It was really great. The next day we went to Jenny Lake rode a float across and hiked a half a mile up to Hidden Falls. That night we supposedly were going to a dance, but the orchestra I didn't show up until 10:30 or 11:00 so they put together a variety show. We left before the dance got started. The next morning about 5:00 it started raining.

By the time we got up our tent which wasn't waterproofed was soaking wet. We packed the tent and other things ate breakfast and boarded the bus and drove to Bear Lake. After wading in the lake we ate lunch and came on home.

The next week Laura went to Mill Hollow for 3 days with Dana De Cou's school.

During the summer Guy has earned his Electricity and motorboating Inland badge. He was also put in as Den Chief. Alvin earned another arrow point also.

We have put on new shingles on our present house and have a new water heater to install.

Patrick is really growing. He started to walk at about 9 1/2 months. He got his first tooth at 8 1/2 to 9 months. He is no longer walking - he is running and climbing now. He nods his head when asked a question and tries to talk. He is really getting into things a lot now.

Brother and Sister Mickelson let us use a couple days of their Sweetwater property. We went swimming most of the time and had an enjoyable trip.

The branch went on the Helix Creeper. We went along and had an enjoyable trip.

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August 29, School starts tomorrow. Pamela is in kindergarten and has Mrs Merrill. She will go in the afternoon the 1st half of the year. Wesley has Mrs Archer 2nd grade. Alvin has Mrs Wright in 3rd grade. Laura has Mrs. Dumas in 6th grade. Guy begins 7th grade at Granite Park Jr. High. His list of classes are as follows. 1st. Math 1X Crystal room A20; 2nd Boy PE 1 Kingsburg Gym; 3rd English 1X Johnson A10; 4th 1st semester Woodworking beginning Swasey C.3; 4th 2nd semester General Music Otterbein C.2; 5th Utah History Cranmer B.16; 6th Spanish 1 Davies... A.11.; 7th General Science Brown B.3.

Laura is going to help in the office at Lincoln this year.

Yesterday we killed one of the lambs. Next week we will kill the other one and sell it to Gerald Harrison. Before trimming and taking the bones out it weighed 41 pounds. After it weighed about 29.

Guy is on the chess team and will take it the 1st semester in place of General Music.

We are striving to clean up and fix up the yard. During September we have been putting cement along the fences.

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 completed the playhouse with the
 exception of the door and the roof.
 We have put a fence around the
 lawn where the swing set is and will
 plant grapes there next spring also. We
 have nearly completed spreading
 manure on the garden and have
 stacked the wood neatly. Also we built
 a room in the garage to put our
 food storage items in. We shall move
 the rabbit pens along the west wall and
 stack hay in the garage and driveway
 when it is delivered.

October 17, We had our calf killed
 Thursday and have been cutting & wrapping
 it Friday and Saturday. We had about
 500 pounds making it worth about \$350.00.
 It nearly filled our freezer. We had
 purchased a new 21.5 cubic foot refrigerator
 freezer earlier. It has a nice freezer
 also. This made it possible to get

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everything in the freezer.

I have been released from the Cub Scouts and called to be the Blazer A Primary Teacher. Set apart today by Henry Gardner. Richard was able to attend.

A couple of weeks ago the Branch had a fireside. We took the 4 oldest children and left Pamela, Kimberlee, and Patrick with Grandpa Black. When we returned Pamela came up to me and said "I wanted to go sit by the edge of the fire." She thought that was where we had been when we went to the fireside.

Richard is running for the school board in Precinct 2 of the Granite School District. He made it through the primaries along with the incumbent Grant Linford beating out 3 others. The SEA has had several meetings with him and are having posters and flyers printed for him. It will be interesting to see who wins.

October 19, 1976 Tuesday. Tonight we put up a few of the posters for Richards campaign. I had Alice cut my hair.

Oct 24, 1976 - The League of women voters sponsored a candidates night at Granite Park Jr. High. Richard and I and Laura and my plus the state board candidates and Mr. Linford were there. Grandpa Black came and Bob Beall from the

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SEA. Not too hot a turnout. We then went up to Bonaville Jr high and passed out flyers for a candidates night there.

Friday and Saturday Oct 22, and 23. The kids had Friday off from school so I took them around to pass flyers. Judy Black got remarried today to 'Sam Jeffries'. They asked Richard to witness. We tended the kids for the night. Saturday Ann Whalen fired dinner for us. Henry Thomas had his first home visit so we invited Thomas, Mervyn, Blythe, Thatcher, and Katie Bogg to come eat with us. It was delicious. After we went over to the Branch and watched Tom play with the Branch volleyball teams. Then after we came back to our house and ate dessert. Tom took Ann home, Katie stayed and visited until about 10:00. Then Richard took Henry back to the prison.

Sunday October 24, 1976. The last few weeks Kimberlin has not wanted to go to her Sunday School class so today I went with her. After sitting through the class I could empathize with her. The room was hot and stuffy. Instead of small chairs they were expected to sit on large adult chairs. The teacher was less than interested in each child and totally unprepared. I'm not

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sure at this point what to do about it. I guess just keep on encouraging her to go while at the same time. Having the leaders encourage the teachers to do a better job. At Sacrament meeting today the speaker suggested that the reason that we lose the spirit gain on the Sabbath is because of our inaction on the things which we learned while at Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting. Each of us are told something that we need to work on during the coming week, or more and it is our responsibility to do something about it so that we can climb up the ladder another rung. He talked on writing your life history and after church the kids all got their genealogy books out and began working on them. I believe that we need to make up a pedigree chart with their names first and put both of our families together. I am setting a goal to write my life history and here it is 4:00 a.m. and I am going to start work on it because I get nowhere when the children are awake.

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October 31, 1976 - This past week has been a busy one. Monday the kids had the day off from school. I had thought I would take them to pass flyers but it was a bad day & rained. Besides I had promised Blythe Thatcher that I would help her finish recovering her chairs. This took longer than I had expected (most of the day) and we didn't get any brochures passed. The children had been busy all day preparing a spook alley, after going through it they had to put everything away.

Tuesday was Relief Society and I after Richard's Mother... tended the little... children while I put signs up. Shawn and Guy passed a few flyers in the subdivision - and Alvin & Wesley helped also. I had a preparatory meeting, Guy had activity night & Richard his meeting. I left Laura with the kids. She became ill and called so I came home. Nearly everyone in the family has had a touch of sickness this week.

Wednesday was spent mostly on Primery. Alvin passed a few flyers.

Thursday, a Madelyn Ployer called

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and offered to pass flyers in her area. We took them to her and put a sign on her lawn. Richard put up quite a few signs. The scouts passed 2800 flyers for us. Karen and family did 1500. Blythe Thatcher called about 70 people and arranged for them to do some calling. Some of them came by and got their photo Roger Steed teaches debate and she made assignments to some of her students to do some campaigning. She took 10 sheets and made 5 more. Alvin & Wesley helped me deliver them Saturday morning.

Friday I spent all morning fixing Halloween costumes. I stayed... with Pamela. School was out because she was frightened. After school took kids out and did pass quite a few flyers.

Friday night Laura and I went down to the Tabernacle and she participated in a concert with the Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus. The songs that will be on the recording are really nice. Brother Bowden has arranged them and they are cute. Richard wasn't feeling well.

Saturday we spent most of the day passing flyers and putting up signs. At night Richard stayed home with Patricia and Kimberlee.

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Halloween Party. It was enjoyable.
Today, Patricks was asleep when
it was time for Sunday school & since
he hasn't felt well I let him sleep
and am working on my life history.
The ^{elder} children went to the 1st Sacrament Meeting
as Henry and Diane Gardner ^{was} were there for
the last time. Brother Little will replace
Henry in the Bishopric. As Richard was
going to speak I wanted to go to the Branch.
The car wouldn't go so Alvin and I went to
the 3rd ward at 5:00 p.m.

Monday morning at 5:00 a.m. Richard and I
went around for 2 hours putting up signs out
west. Alvin & Wesley helped me pass more
flyers after school. We went to the prison
where one of the ^{branch} family home evening groups
put on a program and gave the lesson.
There were 18 came and 8 of them had to
go home.

Tuesday Nov 2, Election day. Richard and I
went over to vote at 7:00 just as the polls
opened. In the afternoon I took
Mom and Sister Nielsen over to vote.
After dinner while Guy watched
the election returns ^{& the} kids Richard and
I and Laura & Pamela went out and

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gathered a carload of signs. We came back around 10:00 and pulled the staples out while viewing the news. We then went out and got another carload returning to pull the staples out of these. We will use these 4 years from now and figure it saved us over \$100. When we went to bed Richard was ahead of Grant Linford by about 900 votes. The next morning the paper confirmed the fact that Richard had won. He will now be on the Granite School Board for the next 4 years.

Thursday November 4, The cubs had a Pack Meeting. Bro. Warden is out of town & Brother Talbert had to work so Richard was asked to conduct.

Friday November 5, Laura is 11 years old. We went shopping for her presents & Books of Remembrances.

Saturday Nov 6, Richard built a calf pen and stacked hay in part of it. We are going to be getting another cow from Mr. Connor. ^{for 5 per month} She is expecting a calf almost any day. Rocky is also expecting a calf any day. Saturday afternoon we rode up in the canyon and played in the leaves & the kids hiked up the mountain.

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Sunday November 7, I wrote some of my
life history. In the afternoon Richard I
went to the prison and brought Henry
out to go to Sacrament Meeting with us.
After meeting we invited the members
of the home evening group to come over
for cookies & punch. Henry was sure
tired of being malled by Pamela,
Wesley, and Kimberlee.

Monday - I planned some menus
and worked some more on my life
history. When Richard came home he
built a stanchion for the other cow.
We then made a survey of our
food.. storages.. and decided what we...
would need to get and how much of
it we would need. In a year we
can review it and see how we
have done and what we need to do.

Here is what we came up with

Items	Need	Have	Need to Get
Grains	3,600 lbs.	3820 lbs	—
Milk (Powdered)	600 lbs.	—	600 lbs.
Yeast	6 large cans	1/2	5 1/2 cans.
Vitamin C	2,000 pills	—	2,000 pills
Veg. Oil	24 gallons	4 gallons	20 gallons
Salt	45 lbs	25 lbs	20 lbs.
Molasses	9 gal.	—	9 gallons

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Items	Need	Have	Need to get
Sugar or Honey	450 lbs	450 lbs -	50 lbs -
Dehydrated Veg	—	3 or 4 cans	—
Dehydrated Fruit	6 cans	—	6 cans -
Spices	—	—	assorted
Baking Soda	12 pkgs	—	12 pkgs
Water	63 gals.	40 gals.	23 gals.
Canned Vegetables	1098 cans	220 cans	878 cans
Soup	1098 cans	22 cans	1076 cans
Fruit	540 cans	577 cans	—
Fruit Juice	360 cans	306 cans	54 quarts
Powdered eggs	6 cans	1 1/2 cans	4 1/2 cans
Baking powder	12 cans	—	12 cans
Toilet paper	4 cases	1 case	3 cases
Canning lids	—	27 doz reg. 16 doz. Wide	1 case of each size
Pectin	—	23 boxes	—
Blurring	—	5 bottles	—
Light globes	50	47 1/20 watts 1/200 watts	45 assorted
Margarine	—	2 gals.	—
Hand soap	100 bars	30 bars	70 bars
Matches	2 boxes	2 boxes	—
Candles	50	—	50 ✓
Coal	1 ton	1/2 ton	1/2 ton
Dish soap	24 bottles	—	24 bottles
Clothes soap	100 boxes	—	100 boxes
Tooth paste	6 tubes	—	6 tubes
Jello	208 pkgs	—	208 pkgs
Cornstarch	6 pkgs	—	6 pkgs

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Sheets

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pillow cases

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blankets

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12 gals

1/2 gal

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12 boxes

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Medicine

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Roller bandages

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Tuesday Nov. 9. Went to Relief Society. Learned about being born again. We need to dedicate our lives to the Lord and have a change of heart. I bolted the wagon wheels to the fence and painted some of the fixtures. At court of honor tonight Guy received his Life Rank advancement. He has 3 more required merit badges to earn and a service project to complete plus 6 months waiting period.

Patrick is running and climbing everywhere. For about the last month we have had to make sure the chairs were either pulled away from the table & ... counter or turned over on their sides. The bathroom door needs to be closed at all times. Patrick also loves it outside.

Thursday Nov 11, The elementary students had today off because of Parent-Teacher Conferences. We cleared the front yard. I have finished the fence out front with the wagon wheels. This week we have been trying a merit system to get our work done. So far it has worked quite well.

Laura's teacher Mrs. Tilpp has made arrangements through the district to have Laura put in the Talented and Gifted Student program. She will meet twice a

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 accomplishing what it should. Alvin's
 teacher Mrs. Wright said that she
 attended the meeting held for the
 Talented and Gifted students looking
 for a program for Alvin. She was
 disgusted because she felt that
 the people from the District wanted
 the teachers to develop a program &
 carry it out themselves & they would
 come and tell the teacher if she was
 doing it right. She feels Alvin needs
 some kind of program... to advance and
 I agree with her. Wesley's teacher
 Mrs. Archer says that he is doing fine.
 He is in spelling level 2. He does his
 work well and finds other things to keep
 busy when he is finished with
 his work. Pamela's teacher Mrs. Marshall
 said she is doing very well academically.
~~so~~ Once in a while she gets her
 feeling hurt and sulks. I hope she outgrows
 this.

Friday Nov 12. The wind blew all day.
 It was a cold chilling wind. At night
 Anne ~~Wacker~~ Wacker came over & fixed

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Clam Chowder for our dinner.

Saturday ^{13th} we accomplished some work in the yard. At night the Branch had the annual Thanksgiving dinner. There was a large crowd. There and we had a delicious meal. Today was Alvin's 9th birthday.

Sunday November 14, Rosy had her calf about 3:00 pm. It came breech & was very skinny. It died & never got up. Rosy was very upset.

Monday evening we went over to Mom & Dad Black's and worked on Susan's bedroom. She has been going to college in Peking, Idaho. She went to a Dr up there and he operated on her leg. She just wasn't carrying her load so she had to come home. They put her in the psychiatric ward of the LDS hospital to observe her & try to help her.

Tuesday - Relief Society. Discovered a new list of items that we should have in a First aid kit. Here is the list and whether we have the item or not.

	Auto kit	quantity	yes	no
Ace bandage	3x5	(1)		
Adhesive tape	1x10	(1)		
Alcohol wipes		(10)		
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First aid cream	(1)		
Gauze pads 2x10	(1)		
Gauze pads 4x4	(4)		
Maalox	(1)		
Razor blades single	(1)		
Rescue Blanket	(1)		
Safety pins	(12)		
Scissors	(1)		
Triangular bandage	(1)		
Zip loc bags	(4)		
Insect repellent	(1)		
Calamine lotion	(1)		

Store away kit

- Ace bandages
- Alcohol
- Adhesive or silk tapes
- Alcohol wipes
- Antibacterial soap
- Aspirin or Tylenol
- Blankets
- Baking soda
- Band-aids
- Benadryl

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Bentadine (antiseptic)

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Calamine lotion

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Cotton balls

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Face cloths

Flexible straws

Feminine supplies

First aid cream

Gauze 1x10

Gauze pads 4x4

Insect repellent

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Lysol disinfectant

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Measuring spoons

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Multi-trauma dressing

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Needles

- Paragone
- Paper towels
- Petroleum jelly (vasoline)
- Plastic bags (all sizes)
- Riskin & batteries
- Razor blades
- Safety pins
- splints
- Scissors
- table salt
- Thermometer in case
- Tongue blades
- Triamine
- Triangular bandages
- Twine
- Vaporizer
- Vicks & mentholatum
- Mentholiptus cough drops
- golden seal & other herbs
- white sheet
- Zip loc bags (make goodie bags)
- Flashlight & batteries
- distilled water for storage & drink

Assignment

1. Take inventory
2. first aid kit
3. clothing & materials
4. sleeping bags & bedding
5. seeds

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I also got a pattern for a thumb-sucking doll.

Wednesday Nov 17, Mom came down & made apple pie & peeled and bottled apples. I had Primary and then we delivered invitations to people who had helped telephone for Richards campaign. We are having an informal get-together Sat. night. We finally can start using the cow's milk.

Yesterday I also went to see Guy's teachers. In most cases he is doing fine. He is falling down on written assignments especially in English & Spanish.

In the afternoon the cow we are renting from Mr. Condon "Belle" gave birth to a little bull calf. We will get to keep it which will help with the loss of the other calf.

After the calf was born Rosy tried to help take care of the calf but Belle didn't want her too. In the process Rosy tried to sit on the calf so I got her away and penned her up. Then Belle didn't seem to want take care of the calf & he was shivering so I took her away temporarily & rubbed the calf dry with rags & an old bedspread. Finally the calf looked like he was going to make it so we

let Belle loose & she started taking care of him. It took quite a long time before he could stand up. He is very cute.

Thursday Nov 18, I sang "A Child's Plea" at Stake Primary Preparation Meeting. Friday Guy & Shawn sang "I Know That my Redeemer lives" for the Stake Primary Priesthood Picnic dinner. Jeana & I played the piano for them. Dr. Caldwell the principal at Granite High gave Richard & I free tickets to see "Carousel". We took Guy, Laura, Alvin, and Shanon. George brought by some 1 1/2 lbs. candles and left a couple of cases for the children to try to sell. Saturday I took them around to Spring Meadows and in an hour's time they sold about half of them. This will help them to earn some Christmas money. Richard put in the new water heater today. We had an informal gathering at Blythe Thatchers apartments. Not too many showed up. The ward also had their Harvest Fair. Richard also went down to the cannery with the Branch & finished canning the potatoes.

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Sunday, ^{21st} Karen Terry came home from her mission & spoke in the kit ward so the kids & I went there. At night Sister Kimball spoke at the special Fireside. President Cleys has for Relief Society sisters. I took Laura & Susan. We went up afterward and shook hands & visited with her. We need to continually be rededicating ourselves to the Lord.

Monday we took some Cinnamon rolls to a couple of our neighbors.

Tuesday we listened & watched the show "The Family and Other Living Things" sponsored by the Church. It was very good. After we took Pamela & went to Jeff & Jefferson's wedding reception.

Thursday Chanhoning we had a nice meal. Alad traded some hay for milk and tilled the ground. I made a good batch of chow.

Fridy Richard helped his parents fix up Susan's bedroom.

Spent most of Saturday shopping. Found a real good buy on coats for Richard & the kids.

Sunday neither car would go so we had to hitch ride to church.

Monday Richard was ill so he stayed

home. front work.

Wed Dec 1, Richards birthday - Since Pamela didn't feel too well we decided not to go down to the visitor center, but I took the kids Christmas shopping.

Thursday we got the Christmas tree and 3 fruit trees for \$5.00 at Green Acres. They took some of the candles we have & been trying to sell on consignment.

While Richard took the older children to the Branch activity, I and the 4 ~~older~~ children put up & decorated the tree. Wesley checked out the lights.

Saturday Dec 4, we got the addition cleaned and the car cleaned & fixed so they are in running condition once more.

Monday Dec 6, Christmas Party at the Prison very crowded.

Tuesday Dec 7, I took Laura to see a ventriloquist. She interviewed him. very interesting. On the way home the car ^(Beauty) got stalled and hasn't run since.

Wed Dec. Richard had a luncheon with the school board. At night we went to the Christmas party the state put on for Bishops.

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Dec 9, 1976 - Richard had a GEA luncheon.

Dec 10, 1976 - The children sang at the Primary teachers party. Laura stayed over night at Diane Sanders - Richard served at the Desert Industries Christmas Party, President Kimball was there.

Dec 14, Court of Honor. Guy got a skill award & a merit badge. Branch leadership Christmas Party at Michelsons.

Dec 15 - Took Primary boys Christmas caroling. Went to a Reception at Pioneer Craft House given in honor of Mrs. Langston. Met Mrs. Bailey.

Dec 16, Pack Mtg - Alvin received another arrow point.

Dec 21, Beneficials Company Christmas Party at Hotel Utah. A very nice evening. Laura concert at Tabernacle.

Dec 22, Patrick hasn't felt well for some time now so Richard stayed home with him & the other children while I took Laura down to the concert at the Tabernacle.

Dec 23 Went Christmas caroling. Guy had a dance he went to.

Dec 25, Had a very nice Christmas. Blythe Thatcher and Anne Wheller brought each of us nice gifts.

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me and each of the girls and
a shirt for each of the boys. Richard
We went out and got Henry and
brought him in Christmas night. He
went to the family party with us
and after Harold Blomquist and his wife
dropped by to visit with us.
Dec 31. I spent the evening with the
Branch watching movies & dancing &
playing games. During the night.....
Someone toilet papered our house

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Monday Jan 3, we went out to the Prison as I had snow storm. Just when we got there they rang the prisoners in because someone had tried to escape. They sent us back home.

Tuesday Jan 4, Tonight Richard was sworn in as a member of the Granite District School Board at the first Board Meeting. Just prior to the meeting President Clegg called and wanted to see both of us. Richard put him off until 9:30. He had to leave Board off meeting early. When we arrived at the Staked Presidents' office she issued a call from President Spencer W. Kimball for us to serve as Branch President of the new Singles 10th Branch. He didn't have the letter yet, but he had talked to Pres. Kimball on the phone and he gave permission to call us before receiving the letter.

Wednesday Jan 5, We fasted and went out to the Prison to attend the parole board hearing in behalf of Henry. We were there between 5 and 6 hrs. He was given a rehearing date of 2 years. This was very disappointing to him. He expected a 2 yr date instead. Harold Blomquist and wife were there also.

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We had planned on attending the temple but got back too late as Richard had some work to accomplish.

Thursday Jan 6. We fasted again. Richard went to the Temple in the afternoon.

Friday went to see Pres. Hotelling marry Jay Russon and Vickie Turner.

Sat Jan 8, We got the walls up for Laura's room upstairs. Stake Conference meetings. Richard went at 5:00. I came to the 7:00. Theme - "Personal preparedness".

Sun Jan 9. The two counselors Richard had asked for both declined. Bishop Maudsley for health reasons. Kent Hutchinson because his work interfered. Must start the process over again. Stake Conference, very good. After Richard ordained Jerry Stovers to the office of Elder. At the Branch Sac Meeting Pres. Hotelling announced the Branch division to be held Jan 23rd.

Monday Jan 10, Had home evening at the Branch. Very cold evening. Henry seems to feel much better.

Tuesday Jan 11, Richard spoke with Pres. Clegg again about counselors and then went to the Temple again. ^{Emergency preparedness} He decided on Craig Pafman 1st C. and Ken McDougal 2nd C. They were called MB.

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Wednesday Jan 12, and both accepted the call and were enthused about it. I attended the first Gracious Living class that the Branch Relief Society held. Brother Arnold Stringham addressed us to the subject "A man's Perspective of a Woman". He covered the subject more from the standpoint of God's Perspective of Woman and pointed out that we are or should be striving to become Eternal Persons.

Thursday I caught up on all the letter writing I needed to do.

Friday I am giving my Primary class 2 make up lessons.

Saturday Jan 15, Richard and I got up early and went to a sealing session at the temple. Together we stood proxy for 20 couples to be sealed to each other.

We finished putting up the major walls upstairs. We are striving to get electricity put in while Henry is visiting us next Saturday. Richard went to the prison to sign papers to get Henry out.

Sunday Jan 16, The boundaries for the branch division ^{were} decided. The 7th Branch will be the old Spring Meadows Woodlake, Heatheridge, & part of Stonehedge. Millerick 10th Branch which will be ours encompasses everything else. We will only have 134 people to begin with.

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At Christmas time we had story of the first Christmas. After ^{work} I was asking questions and asked Kimbelles "what did Mary ride on?" She replied "She rode on a piece of paper."

Alvin & Wesley are beginning to take piano lessons from Karen. Pamela was invited to ~~the~~ 1st birthday party for Jennifer Krontz. She was very excited and went shopping for a present for her.

Guy is Patrol leader. He is supposed to play "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in M.M.A. Sunday night Jan 25.

Lisa called and wanted to know if she could stay with us. She is planning on leaving Kent. She was going to call us back to see what we decided. We decided to let her come but so far she hasn't called back yet.

Victor Becenti called from New Mexico to see if we would check into how he could get a copy of his Patriarchal blessing. I checked into it & had Richard call him the information back.

Wed Jan 19 we met with the two counselors & their wives to explain some of the things about the Branch & to answer their questions. Attended another Gracious Living class on Color & You.

Alvin went with the Cub Scouts to the Hansen Planetarium.

Friday Richard & I went over to the Branch & straightened the new furniture. Laura has

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been tending children for other people quite a lot. We are paying Guy and Laura to tend for us now & they are going to put half of everything they earn towards finishing the addition. Guy gave me \$3.50 already.

Saturday had a hard time getting things done. Richard and I went to Samson & bought a breaker box and roll of wire. Richard went & got Henry from Prison. Sat 2:00 P.M. We didn't get much done on the electrical work. Anne Wheeler came by with her milk bottle & decided to stay & eat with us & go to temple square with us. After eating the meal in noon had prepared for us we all went down to temple square. Sharon stayed over night with us also. Richard took Henry back to the prison by 10:00 p.m. - Alvin & Wanda started piano lesson from prison.

Sunday January 22 Richard was sustained as Branch President of the Millcreek 10th Single Branch. When his name was read there was a spontaneous reaction.

Quite a few raised their hand to sustain him before the vote was even asked for. We had a very nice sacrament meeting. Pamela became ill during it. She was sitting by Sharon Casper. Sharon took

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Patrick, Kimberlee, Pamela, and Wendy home and stayed with them for me. Those members of our families who attended were Mom & Dad Black, also ^{Sharon} Ann & Susan, Pale and Suzanne and all their children, Mom Menmoth, Alice, Frank and Darla, and Grant, Ruth, Kyle & Kent. After the meeting we all met in the Relief Society Room where Richard was set apart as Branch President by Pres. James R. Clegg. He gave him a wonderful blessing, one of the things he promised was the power of discernment in being able to tell when a problem existed and taking care of it when it was still small. This is one thing Richard has wanted to do. He promised him a blessing in whatever thing we were needed of. It was a very happy and joyful experience. Earlier in the day the Relief Society gave Richard a note of appreciation and a distowel saying "Justice Pie". They also made up a little book using candle bars to express their gratitude. This is the way it went

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Dear 3 Musketeers

Just Look at us now in our last 10:30 meeting, and with all of us here, it is Rally a whopper. We're grown so

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much its' a real Crunch to get us all in the churchhouse.

We have Smuggled in a Big Hunk, a Bit O Honey and of course some Cherry Duds.

We know you haven't been Carefree or that your job hasn't been a Snap and you have had Mounds of Rocky Roads. We want to give you Good and Plenty of thanks for your endurance in this marathon.

As we continue along our Milky Way (or is it Merry Way) we will remember this Branch as a real Life-Saver.

We'd like to give you \$100,000 for your Pay Day, but... well... just say... Thank you. From the Reese Society

Today was a very nice day.

Monday Jan 24, 1977 Richard & 4 oldest got up early and went to play basketball at the Branch. Children had today off school. Played basketball. I had weiner roast for home night.

Tuesday Jan 25, 1977, Relief Society. Pamela started Kindergarten in the morning today. She seems to enjoy it more. I have walked over at noon to get her. In the evening Richard and I went with Parkmans and Sollits to the

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Special Stake Temple Session. It was a very nice evening. Laura tended. Guy had to play "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in opening exercises of M.C.A.

Kimberlee is getting pretty good with the ABC's. She copies what she sees Pamela doing. If Patrick wants something he takes you by the hand & leads you to where the thing is that he wants. He is going to the Baby-Sitter Relief Society now.

Thursday Jan 27 Branch Carnival - Richard didn't
Friday Jan 28 ^{but was} I went to a session at the temple. Laura tended for Pajamas again.
..... Saturday - We saw ^{the} winning for most of the
captives.

Sunday Jan 30, 1977 - Mom was ill. Went to visit her. Worked on history.

Sunday February 13, 1977 - During the last week and a half the children have had a bout with the flu. Alvin came down with it & then Laura. All the rest have now had it or still have it.

We finished putting the siding on the house finally. The sheep had twin baby lambs. They are sure cute.

For Valentines a couple of family home evening groups came by with

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treats and a big Valentine. Anne Wheeler also came by with some cookies, & gave everyone who was ill a garlic enema. It seemed to help them feel some better.

Patrick is getting to be a big tease. Also several times a day he goes & gets his coat and wants to go outside. He loves it outside and likes the baby lambs and calf. He will pick things up & take them to the waste basket. Sometimes it isn't things we want thrown away.

Kimberlee is either sick or not sick, depending on the treatment other sick ones are receiving.

..... Pamela is ... enjoying kindergarten. She is beginning to recognize words & ask questions.

Feb 20, Henry visited with us & went to church with us.

February 27, 1977 - Everyone seems to be feeling much better now. Yesterday the 10th Branch held a fund raising breakfast. Friday the 25, the scout banquet, a halo dinner, very nice.

Guy wrote and led the dialogue for the flag ceremony as part of the requirement for his communications merit badge. Alvin also was narrator for a skit that the cub scouts put on.

Wednesday 23rd Guy turned 13. I wrote his life history up to now & gave him

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February 28, We planted peas & carrots,
radishes, beets, and some corn. got a
snow storm that night and several
during the week.

March 1, I went downtown and had lunch
with Richard. It was a very snowy day.
I stopped at American Store to
see about their prices. Most of the
wholesale prices were more than Harmon's
retail price. Also picked up a Bosch
grinder for Anne Unolsen.

We have started. Another 2
routes for the Green Sheet to give Alvin,
Wesley, Pamela, & Kimberlee a job to earn
money.

March 5, Millers took bread for fair. I made
scones and honey butters.

March 17, The two branches played a
basketball game against each other. The
branch presidents & Clerks were the
participants. It was lots of fun.

March 20, St. Lawrence Conference. Our Sac.
Meeting the Primary put on the
program. Pamela did and Laura had
a speaking part. Alvin sang the 2nd
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Mar 22, Went to a Long-life dehydrated food-dinner - Very tasty.

March 23, Went to see Dr. Steele. He confirmed that I am pregnant. The baby will be born towards the end of October.

March 24, Richard had a bad nose bleed and came home early from work.
Sunday March 25.

Sunday March 27, Alvin gave his first talk in Senior Sunday School. He talked about tithing and did a very good job. Gave his testimony in the church for a testimony meeting.

Tuesday March 29, Laura won the school spelling bee. She now goes to the district contest. Wednesday Laura brought two of her friends Rossana Hong and Dawn Enright to Primary with her. They liked it and will hopefully come back.

The kids got their ^{telemonetary} report cards & did very well.

Guy has been on the honor roll at school so far this year.

Richard got the car fixed after it wasn't working for nearly a week.

At the end of February the kids measured the following: Patrick 32 inches; Kimberlee 40 inches;

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Pamela 45 1/2 inches; Wesley 50 inches;
Alvin 54 inches; Laurel 61 1/2 inches
Guy 59 1/2 inches.

We are going to have another baby
about the end of October.

As of April 1, Patrick was completely
weaned.

April 2, listened to conference and went
shopping for shoes. Richard & Guy went to
priesthood. Sunday ^{April 3} morning I took
Guy down to the Tabernacle & stood
in line for 1 1/2 - 2 hrs to get into the
afternoon session. It was cold waiting
but very nice after we got in. The
congregation began singing hymns & sang
right up until time to start.

After Conference we went to the 7th Branch
Sacrament Meeting. Pres. Hottniger was released
as Branch President. Brother Mickelson was
sustained as the new Branch president with
Tracy Shepherd & Don Christensen as his
counselors.

Friday April 8, Canned pineapple & then
juiced cores all night ^{until 10:00} with Bonnie & Craig Payman.

Saturday - got up early & went to Breakfast
as a family at the Village Inn. When we
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dog that came over & Patrick just loved
to play with him. Guy worked on his
eagle project today & had roadshow practice
The kids sold some rabbits & DeEes. Alvin
had a cub scout kite flying contest.

Sunday April 10, All the Children sang
"Christ Is Risen" on the Sunday school
program.

Monday April 11, took Laura to the
Orthodontist. She needs 4 permanent
teeth pulled & then he will put on
head gear... It is going to cost us
another \$1160. We have already paid
\$90.

Tuesday, Guy was asked to be Secret
of the Deacons Quorum. He was sustained
in Priesthood Meeting Sunday April 17.

Friday April 15, Laura participated in
the Granite School District Spelling Bee.
Out of 54 contestants she was able to
stay in until there were 12 contestants
left before she missed a word. ^{Rickman} I was
the H.P. ^{Bang}

Saturday, today we got the
garden tilled and I most of it planted.
I hope we have enough water to grow

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a good garden. This year a lot of our trees we have had for several years are blossoming for which I am very happy. Our sour cherry of course has blossomed for several years as well as our apple tree. This year for the first time the 2 peach trees out front & the plum tree in front are blossoming as well as the apricot out back.

Also had roadshow practice today. Guy does his part very well.

Sunday April 17, I took Patrick to Jr. Sunday School for the first time. He was very good, but did get a little restless toward the end. With a little time I'm sure he will do okay there. Guy received citizenship in the World at Longport, N.J.

Tuesday April 19, 1977. I substituted and gave the Social Relations lesson in Relief Society. Voted for the school board. Laura had 2 teeth pulled. Richard had board meeting. The roadshows were put on. Guy had the lead part of the 1st words show. He played the part of Oliver. I was the Entertainer. I sang "As Long as He Needs Me" with a few word changes about being fat. I was dressed very fat. Wednesday the Roadshows were

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Thursday after delivering papers & getting
kid off the school Kimberley, Patrick & Al
took Richard to the airport and saw him
off for South Carolina. Took Laura to
have 2 more teeth pulled & Wesley had
a tooth filled.

Saturday I planted rest of garden, straightened
yard & house. Went on a picnic & took
traps - Watched "Against a Crooked Day"

Sunday April 24, We went out to the airport
and saw the airplane bring Richard home. After
stopped at Pete and Sue's to see Karl. He had
his missionary farewell. He is going to Spain.
He had an operation on his ear just 2
days before.

Monday April 25, Laura got headgear put
on her teeth. She will have to wear
it at least 14 hours a day for about 6 months.
She has been averaging 19-20 hrs. a day.

Monday May 2, Richard took Bishop Guey's
place at prison to bring the families in. Bishop
Guey had to bring the prisoners in in place
of the chaplain.

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May 4, Wed. Oral Evaluation at prison with Bishop Gentry and Bishop Bay. Voluntary pay meeting.

May 5, Pamela sang with her kindergarten class at the P.T.A. meeting. I sang at a Stake Relief Society meeting "Charity". It rained tonight quite a bit for which we are extremely thankful since a drought situation this year seems to be inevitable. We are allowed only 4 hrs a week watering the yard.

Friday May 6, we received a commercial loan for \$4,000. This will mostly be used to work on the addition. I took some of the scouts out to Lagoon for a camp. Then I went to a mother-daughter party at school & took Pamela & Kimberlee. Laura was baby-sitting. Richard attended a wedding.

Saturday, purchased closet doors, took the Chrysler to Vic Reynolds to be repaired. I went with Laura to a Mothers-and-Miss Party. Laura sang "Violets and Bluebells" for part of the program.

Sunday May 8, Mother's day. Kimberlee had a speaking part. They gave a talk. Laura also, May 8. Pamela & Kimberlee all sang songs with the

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rest of the Jr Sunday School & primary.
Laurie & I sang I with the Branch choir
in Sacrament meeting.

Monday May 9. I decided to go to New York
with Richard.

Tuesday May 10. Guy received his Communion
Merit badge at Court of Honor. All that
is keeping him from becoming an Eagle is
his service project.

May 12, Mom's birthday. Visited with
her for a while. Richard didn't feel right
about the trip to New York so he talked
to Earth Clay and got it cancelled. Many
varied things that came up during the
following week made us kind of glad
that we hadn't gone. I felt a
great relief when we decided not to go.
Richard and I attended a dinner for
the retiring employees of Granite School
District. It was at the Panorama
room of the Union Building at the University
of Utah.

May 13. We sold our 40 acres of
property in Delta to a young girl
named Maria Sadler. She gave us
\$4500.00 for it. The down payment was
700.00. After taking out the real estate
fees & closing costs we had \$1800.00.

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left. She is buying the property on contract at \$ 100.00 per month and paying 11% interest. We closed the deal today. It caught us up on the check book.

Saturday May 14, I drove down to Provo with Melvin, Mom, & Uncle to the Provo temple to attend a temple session in honor of Mom's birthday. There were 23 total at the temple session. After we drove to the Chuck-O-Rama for lunch. On the way home we stopped at the Utah Valley Hospital to see Aunt Grace who had just been operated on. Saw Virginia & Uncle Harold.

Richard stayed home with the children and worked on the house.

Monday May 16. We went to one of the Island Evening Groups & had banana splits. Richard counseled a married couple tonight.

Tuesday May 17. Ray Woolson called and asked me to put on the sleight of the roadshow at Kingsbury Hall. The ward had been

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asked to present the roadshow there at the region finals Thursday.

Wednesday May 18, We put on a ^{wild} show for Susan at Karen's house.

Thursday May 19, Since Laura had a baby sitting job and Guy and I had to put on the roadshow, Richard stayed home with the children and worked on the house.

Friday May 20th. Our camera was overhauled by Vic Reynolds and we got it back tonight. It cost \$936.50. Nearly bought it again. We drove it out to Granite to the Prison Appreciation dinner after stopping at Virginia Larsens. Two belts broke on it which we had to replace.

Monday May 23. Dale Burnett came and helped us build our stairs.

~~Tuesday May 24, Scouts helped the work some more on the Eagle project.~~

Wednesday May 25. Susan Black married Leon Eugene Buck in the S.C. Temple.

Saturday May 28, 1977. Reception for Leon and Susan. Pamela & Kimberlee were flower girls. Laura served & the boys acted as ushers. A very nice

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party.

Sunday May 29, Henry came to visit us. He spoke in Sacrament Meeting.

Monday May 30, Richard worked most of the day on installing the wiring. Went shopping in the afternoon and ^{also} got part of the sheetrock we need.

Tuesday May 31, Scouts came & helped Guy with more of his Eagle project.

~~Wednesday~~ ^{Wednesday} June 1, A ~~man~~ asked to be released from Prison. Richard spoke at the ^{Junior} ~~High~~ ^{High} graduation.

~~Thursday~~ ^{Thursday} June 2, Richard spoke at the Granite High School graduation and passed out the diplomas to all the girls.....

Friday June 3, Melvin came out to help us & transfer the ^{equipment} ~~piece~~ from the main box to the new box.

Saturday June 4, worked on the house. Richard had a short interview with Brother Anderson. We went to the meeting for adults in conjunction with Stake Conference. After Grant came ^{to} showed us what we needed for plumbing.

Sunday June 5, We walked to Stake Conference. Pres. Clagg was released.

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Chet Hutchings is the new Stake President.
Tom Van Den Berge is the 1st counselor and
Heinz Musch is the 2nd counselor. Went
over to Mom & Dad Block's after church & visits
with Janet and Randy and the rest of the
members of the family who came.

During the week we went to the pro
and ~~also~~ put up most of the insulation.

Thursday June 9, Went to a Home Evening
Seminar at President North's home in Salt
City. It was a very enjoyable evening. The
children slept over to Grandma & Grandpa
Block's for the evening.

Friday June 10, Went to Ta Steak Fry at
Sugarhouse Park with the G.A.S.A.
organization (Gospel Association School Admin)

During the day Guy took a 10 mile hike
up Millcreek Canyon. The kids & I and Grandma
Meinhardt drove along with & had a picnic
in the canyon. I hit a chuck hole &
bent the rim and made the tire go flat.
A couple of fellows stopped and changed it
for us - it was a good thing they stopped
because our lug wrench was the wrong
size.

Saturday - Sid Tolbert came and helped
Richard put up sheet rock. I had to take
time out to go sing for Randy's father's funeral.

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Released from Prison

Sunday June 12, Had temple recommends signed. Went to the American Relief Society.

Monday June 13, Pamela lost her 1st tooth today. Sunday June 14, She lost her 2nd front tooth. Wesley helped the cause by knocking it out. Court of Honor. They got their fishing. David brought home a valley ball set.

Wednesday June 15, Vic put a new fuel pump on the car. He says this will fix it so we don't have any more problems with it.

Took him to the bank. Went to a bank. Working teaching. Working. Barbara. Prepared to go fishing.

Thursday June 16, Awoke at 4:00 a.m. and prepared to go fishing. Went to Tibble Fork Reservoir in American Fork Canyon. After

fishing there unsuccessfully for about 3 hours we drove to a camp ground & fixed breakfast. While there they threw their lines in the creek & they caught a fish. We worked our way downstream. Laura caught a fish also. Patrick, Kimberlee & Pamela had fun throwing rocks in the creek. After a rest we went to Murray park to a branch outing & watched old-time movies. At 10:00 the automatic

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sprinklers came on & broke up the party.

Friday June 17. Richard had this day off also. He put in the window to Laura's bedroom. In the afternoon he and the children went swimming. I stayed home with Patrick. That evening Richard & I went to a barbecue with the activities committee.

Saturday, Richard had a regional meet until noon. Grant came in & we got the sewer under the house put in. I went to a baby shower for Nancy.

Sunday, June 19, I sang "I Heard Three Every Hour" at the Rest Home. Went to 1st Ward Sacrament meeting. Took Richard to the airport and saw him off.

Monday June 20, took Guy shopping for supplies for scout camp. Had home night. Mom Memmott stayed Sunday & Monday nights.

Tuesday June 21, Guy is tending 2 mornings a week. Laura 1 morning plus evenings. I took Guy to do some more shopping. In the afternoon took the kids looking for ideas to decorate their rooms. After getting to bed & sleeping for several

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hours, I heard a rustle in the bushes. Wondering who was in our yard at 3:00 a.m., I jumped up, found my glasses & began looking out the windows. To my surprise one of Mr Connor's cows was out in the front garden. I awoke Guy & Laura & after seeing that we wouldn't be able to get them back over by ourselves I called Park. He came down & helped us get them back over.

Wednesday: Richard came back from St. Louis at 7:52 p.m.

He went to a meeting at the branch nearly as soon as he got home.

Thursday, June 23. Fine day!..... helping Guy get packed for last camp of the evening. I went to his shower for a shower at Alice's.

Saturday. Went down to the International Women's Year Convention at the Salt Palace. I registered & noted in the names. Other votes were against C.R.A., abortion & some of the other evils of the world.

Sunday - Worked on the addition. Got off the school bus except in the last one apartment garden.

Guy left for a week at a Troop Leadership Development camp at East Fork of the River.

Sunday June 26, Alvin did the milking by himself because Guy was gone.

Monday June 27, Richard installed the air cooler upstairs. Tuesday night he had the night off so we put up the rest of the sheetrock we had left.

Wednesday afternoon Lawrence Palmer came and killed our old milk cow Rosy. We cleaned the tub real well & put sheets lining it. Then we put the meat in the tub with 16 bags of ice to quick cool it. After Richard got home from his meeting he and Laura and I cut up about 2/3 of the beef. Went to bed at 2:00 a.m. Got up Thursday at 7:00 and began cutting again. About 10:00 a.m. Richard went to work & the kids & I cut, ground & wrapped until 2:00 p.m. After resting we went to a cub scout meeting where Alvin received 2 red beads toward his bear achievement. Afterwards we went to a Branch dance. Then beginning at about 11:00 we finished up the rest of the beef. We got a total of 244 pounds put away.

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Worked Saturday July 2, and Monday July 4
on the house. & Yet most of the
sheetrock we had purchased put up.

Tuesday Laura, Wesley, Pamela & Kimberlee
stayed overnight with Karen's family. Alvin
& Guy & Patrick & I went over for the
breakfast and I typed while Richard
had several interviews.

Wed. July 6, Went to primary to see a
Play. We had a class put on. I picked Cherrie

Thurs. July 7, Picked Cherrie to move
made all plans for us to put in the freezer.
Went to David's wedding. also went
grocery shopping.

Fri. July 8, Took the children
to store & garage sale. Bought a
one spring mattress for \$30.00 Two box
springs at \$10.00 each and a dresser
for \$23.00. Also a baby dressing
table for \$20.00 & 2 matching twin
bedspreads ^{15.00} for Laura's room will
possibly make draper with one.

Worked all day Saturday
on plumbing & I worked on
catching up wash & running
errands.

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Wed July 13, Alvin's class put on a
 puppet show in primary.
 During the week 11-15 Guy went with
 the scouts on a trip up to Flaming
 Gorge. They floated down the Green River.
 Sat July 16. Henry visited with us. We go
 quite a lot done on the house. Wesl
 had a birthday party.

July 21, Went with branch to National
 Guard and worked on the float for the
 parade.

July 22, The ward had a court of honor
 that the boys (especially the boys who were
 to Silver Moccasin) took care of. They put
 on skits, sang songs, gave out lawalds.
 It was a successful court of honor. Guy got
 his camping merit badge & his 50 miles
 badge.

Saturday July 23 Put up apples. Richard spent
 the day running between home helping
 Grant with the plumbing and up to
 the National Guard armory to work on the
 float.

Monday July 25 Watched parade. 10th
 Branch had a float. In the evening
 went over to Clyde Noda's house &
 took the float apart. Ate dinner &
 had homemade ice cream.

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Thursday July 28 Grant came in & finished plumbing -

Saturday - July 30 worked on house and went down to M&K Furniture & brought desk & dresser fitting.

Sunday July 31, Wesley was baptized at the Stake House by Richard.

Today was also Kimbelle's 4th birthday.

During the week spent time getting ready to go to Jackson Hole. Early Thursday morning went to the Branch & left at the buses for Jackson Hole. Stopped at Afton, Wyoming for lunch - stayed at the KOA campground in Jackson. Went into town for a short while... ate dinner & went back to town for the play "Once Upon a Mattress" at the Pink Gate Theatre.

Friday Richard, ^{Donna} Laura, Alvin, & Wesley went on a River trip. While they were gone it started raining. The other kids & I rushed into the tent and took a nap. It must have rained about an hour. Their river run got rained out. In the afternoon went into Jackson Hole again & then after dinner went to Edith Roberts's parents home & had a dance in their barn.

August 1977

Saturday Aug 6, Got up at 6:00 for a testimony meeting. After breakfast broke camp, I and headed for home. Stopped at Bear Lake to swim & have lunch. Arrived home about 6:30-6:45.

Sunday Aug 7, Wesley was confirmed a member of the Church by O Richard in the Mill 1st Ward Fast Meeting.

Thursday Aug 11, 1977, The Primary had a lovely O dinner (tea) over at Sister Muse in honor of Laura graduating from primary. They gave her a lovely O brown triple combination with her name engraved on the front.

Patrick has started talking and repeat words very clearly.

Saturday August 20, Craig Gossen the Elder's Quorum president brought some elders over & put up sheetrock and particle board on the whole floor upstairs. Then for several nights and another Saturday Craig came over and helped put up paneling & wallpaper. Van Wilde also came one evening. This work we appreciated very much. We got a lot accomplished.

August 1977 September 1977

We worked with Guy to help him finish up his Eagle Service Project.

Thursday Sept 1, The family went with the Band up Millcreek Canyon on an activity.

Sun Sept. 4, We had a meeting at the Stake House to tell us the ward boundary changes. We are still in the Millcreek, 1st Ward but are about the only active family left. Some of the people aren't making the changes. Bruce Jones, who used to be Elder's Quorum President in the Lingles Branch... is now our Bishop.....

The North Boundary is 39th St. East - 7th East. West - where is is presently and South boundary is old Farm road plus a little 300 further south on the east. End of old farm.

At 7:30 in the Relief Society room Richard, Guy and I met with Bruce Smith from the Boy Scouts of America for Guy's Eagle Scout Board of Review. This was a choice experience. Others who were in attendance were Sandra Black, Ann, Patricia,

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Tuesday Sept 6, Laura and I attended
the "New Beginning" program with the
2nd ward MDA. Laura was honored
and given a cute picture to hang in her
room.

Wednesday Sept 7, they went to a party
with the new group of Scouts over
at Brother Crown's. Laura, Wesly & Alvin
went to dance lessons with Verna Young.
She has been teaching them several
dance steps.

Thursday Sept 8... Went to a barbers at
the prison.

Saturday Sept 10, Richard took all the
children to Lagoon on the Branch Service
Project. They took some underprivileged
children from the YMCA and went on a
pic on the basis. I stayed home and did
things around home.

Sun Sept 11, Jesus Jennie farewell in
Ogden. We traveled up to it. I didn't
feel too well.

Monday Sept 12, I put up 1 1/2 bushels peaches
Richard and the boys went to home night
at the prison. afterward Richard went over

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to the Branch and met with a fellow
from Arabia Paul Gabbal.

Tuesday September 12, Guy received
his Eagle Scout Award at the Cent of Honor.
He also received his "On my Honor" award.

Wednesday September 14, I took Laura
Alvin, Willie, Paula and Michael over
to the beach house and we sang some
songs to them.

Friday Sept 16, and Saturday Sept 17, we
sprayed the water bilboes. Also got
the lights put up & the carpet set
roughly for the evening.

Sunday Sept 18, Lynette made an
arrangement for a farewell.....

Monday night & Tuesday ~~night~~ ^{night}

I Wednesday morning laid carpet
upstairs. I had a Dr. Appointment
Wed. I had lost 1 pound during
the month.

Wed & Thursday - Put up hanging robe &
cleaned up rooms. The book kept
upstairs. The next day brought
a box spring for Thomas & she
moved upstairs.

Friday Sept 23, Mom, Viola & Alice gave
me a really shower.

Saturday - Richard finished framing

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in the two storage closets. I fixed
drapes for the boys rooms. Rich
Guy, Laura, Alvin, and Wesley went to
the show "Star Wars". We finished clean
the two bedrooms downstairs. What a
mess. It took all week long to move
the kids out & clean. O

This year Pamela is in Mrs. Mace 1st grade class. Wally is in Mrs. Wrights 2nd grade. Alvin is in Mrs. Crofts 4th grade. Laura is in 4th grade and has the following teachers Crystal - Math, Job English, Morris - Chess, Carl - Gym, Davies - Spanish, Graham - U.S. History, McWhiter - Science

2nd Semester Foods instead of Chess - Whitver
Guy is in the 8th grade with the follow
teachers Kingbury - Gym, Davies - Spanish, Tholmel -
Physics, Arnberg - English Hansen Type
US History - Benson, 2nd Semester ^{dropped Physics} ^{marks} Algebra - Wight
Tuesday Sept 27 Patrick's 2nd bull day. The
USA took Richard to dinner at Lili's
Restaurant.

Wed Sept 28. Richard ^{has been} ~~was~~ in charge of
a Yvns group convention of Vantage. We all
went out to visit the Royal Palace. Most
of them were from out of town & not
members of the church.

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Sept - Oct 1977

Saturday Oct 1, Listened to conference - worked on house. Richard & Guy went to Priesthood Meeting.

Sunday - Listened to conference - Richard had a terrible case of flu. Monday Oct 2, Because Rick wasn't feeling well, we stayed home from the prison. We had a fix up & repair night & got quite a lot accomplished besides getting one of Alvin's sub scout assignments completed. Before the evening was through, Laura, Pamela, & Kimberlee all came down with the flu. We were up all night with them... Thursday. Tuesday. I. I. didn't... accomplished much. Guy went to MGA.

Wed - Laura went to a shower for Bernice Jones - she had a lot of fun.

Thursday I went to Relief Society and sang "I Walked Where Jesus Walked". Bernice Johnson accompanied me. The cat died.

& the kids had a funeral. It rained a lot. At night the whole family went to Pamela Rex's wedding in the R.S. room at the church. Richard performed the wedding ceremony. The end

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time he has done so. After we went down to our neighbors & looked at the plan for duplexes to be built west of us. Shawn stayed over night.

Friday I marshalled the boys in the old childrens into working and painting closet doors & dressers. Got quite a lot accomplished. Sprayed most of the sign off the Van. Went shopping for saws & groceries. Picked up Katherine. She stayed over night.

Saturday Oct 8. I finished Guys' drag. A girl from the Parish named Carol Gelf- called and wanted to know if there was anything she could do to help me. I told her she could come help me paint so she did with the kids. We were able to finish Alvin & Waleys' closet doors, desk & bookshelves. Lashons closet door, brook shiner & dresser and Guys' dresser. Went to the night meeting of Stake Conference.

Sunday Stake Conference. Sister Derrick. The 1st Ward Relief Society President called me to see how I was feeling. She gave me her phone numbers and asked me to let her know if she could help me.

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Monday Oct 10, I had a Dr. appointment, but couldn't find a baby sitter, so I decided to put the children down for a nap & try later to call the clinic. When I awoke I felt very ill. I couldn't get the clinic to answer the phone so I went back to bed & slept awhile longer. Because I didn't feel well I stayed home from the prison, Guy, Laura, Alvin & Patrick stayed home with me. About 9:30 I started spotting a little with some contractions. Laura helped me to pack my suitcase. We got the kids to bed & I timed some of the contractions. About 11:00 ^{P.M.} or shortly thereafter, I had Richard give me a blessing... We then got Guy & Laura awake and brought them downstairs to sleep & then I left for the hospital arriving at 11:45. The nurses checked me and decided to watch me for awhile. About 2:00 a.m. they admitted me. At 4:20 a.m. the Bag of Waters broke by itself, something it has never done before. At 5:06 we had a new baby boy. Dr. Steele wasn't at the hospital yet so they wheeled me down the hall to the delivery room Dr. Romney was walking past, I caught him & told him to deliver this baby.

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had an epidural. This is the funniest
sensation. Everything from my chest
down went numb. Even my fingers
were numb. I had trouble moving my
legs & body, but I didn't feel anything.
Richard watched the delivery and after
the baby was born they wrapped him
in a blanket & let Richard hold him.
When he was first born he cried so
much that Dr Romney said that he was
glad we were taking him home & not
him. The baby weighed 8 lbs 3 oz.
I was 20 1/2 inches long.

..... I had a little trouble with excessive
bleeding. The baby has red hair.

The hospital has a new policy of
allowing the children to come up.
Wed Oct 12, Richard came up for dinner
with me. We had a nice visit. He
brought me a beautiful bouquet of ^{Pink} Carnations.

Sister Derrick came up & dropped off a
cute little pair of white booties. She has
arranged for a meal for us. Bishop Jones
called to congratulate me. Chris Bott
called to tell me that things were
being taken care of meal wise for the
family. Everyone has been so good to us.

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I stayed in the hospital 5 days and got a good rest. After Mom came down several days and helped me so I could rest. I slept most of the time and recovered quite quickly.

Work stopped on the house for about a month. I spent most of my time going through paperwork & Richard was kept busy with the Branch and other things.

Sun Nov 6, Guy was called as 1st Counselor in the Deacons' Quorum of the Millersburg 1st Ward. Jeffrey was given the name of Jeffrey Scott Black by Richard at the millersburg 1st Branch. Nov 11, Wesley got his Bobcat. I went to a party for Viola out at Alice's.

..... Sat. Nov. 12... Craig Mosser came over. I helped with house - others of the Elders also came.

Fri. & Sat. Nov 4 & 5 - Branch overnight at Brighton. Patrick had a rough night & started calling for his Dad.

I was asked by Sister Eva Derrick, the 1st ward R.S. President, to be a visiting teacher.

The Branch Relief Society Presidency Chris Bott, Linda Piness, Gayle Cori, & Juliana Olsen came over and tended the children, paid for our dinner & sent us to a show. We ate at "Hare Hollow" and went to see "Star Wars".

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Guy gave the prayer for Priesthood and Law
 gave a talk in Sacrament meeting
 He have sang in Relief Society several times
 since the ward boundaries were changed.

Henry Thomas's girl friend Sue Lynch was
 baptized the ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursday} before Thanksgiving
 Branch had Thanksgiving dinner that night.

Craig Gosser & Joyce Weston came and wallpapered
 the family room. Ann Wheeler came & helped
 sand. Carol Graf came & helped stain.

We had carpet laid in the family room Monday
 Dec 12. It sure is nice. We decorated the
 tree. We just about have everything finished
 with a few exceptions.

Friday Dec 9, Alvin got his Engineering badge at
 Pack meeting. He showed his pulley and
 catapult he had made. Wesley displayed a
 tree made with pinecones that he had made.
 They both did a good job.

Tuesday Dec 13, Guy got his cooking
 merit badge and Bronze palm at court of Honor
 Party Dec 14, Stake Party.

Dec 15, Alvin, Wesley & Pamela on school
 Christmas program. Started tithing settlement

Dec 16, Richard ~~started tithing~~ got the
 football in.

Dec 17 - Got a lot done on house &
 went to Branch Christmas party.

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Laura was called and sustained as 1st Counselor
Dec in her Bishop's Class
Sunday December 18, Richard had tithing
settlement all day. Guy, Laura & I went to
choir practice. I sang "I Walked Today
where Jesus Walked" in the 1st ward.
Sacrament Meeting and then went out to the
prison and Jeannine Acorn and I sang a
duet "Star Bright." One of the speakers
pointed out that we need to learn to love
ourselves before we can be of service to
others and that there is a great
need to help and serve others. During
the service Jeffrey soiled his pants so
I took him out & changed him while
holding him at the back of the chapel.
A young man, a prisoner, came back and
was very interested in Jeffrey. In
talking to him I discovered that
he had just been moved to maximum
& didn't know any of the other
prisoners. He seemed interested in
learning more about the family home
evening program. I introduced him
to Henry. Henry & Sue are engaged.

Monday Dec 19, Mom left for Delta
with Julie and Gene. For our
home evening we went Christmas Caroling.
Several of the Home Evening Groups come
to our house. We had a nice
evening

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Tuesday Dec 20, I got quite a few Christmas presents wrapped, Richard and I attended Beneficial Life's Christmas party at Hotel Utah. Chris Bott, Linda Prusse, Gayle Cori, and Julene Olsen came and tended the children while we went. Guy & Laura went to an M&A dance.

Wednesday, Dec 21, Went shopping most of the day. - About 2 weeks ago we got rid of our cow so we now have to buy all our milk. Young adults came caroling Thursday Dec 22, when we awoke this morning the furnace started funny. Richard thinks it is something to do with the starter arm. He did get it to running. I hope it keeps running... It worked all day -

~~Wednesday~~ Thursday Dec 22

I accomplished a lot of small jobs around home today - Things that have needed doing for some time. In the afternoon I went over to the school to a talent show for Alvin's class. He played ^{the cello} with a group and then played "Jingle Bells" alone on the cello. He also recited a part of a story the class made up and "The night before Christmas" & sang "Up on The Housetop" with his class. He did very well.

After dinner I took the children for last minute shopping. On the way

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home a policeman pulled me over and gave me a warning for not having taillights. I couldn't imagine what I had done wrong.

Friday, Dec 23, 1977 - Met Richard at work. I we went out to Mel & Tracy's & picked up a couch for the family room. Richard had to meet with Paul Blechball & his girl friend.

Saturday - After cleaning up the house we went swimming around & went to the prison to see Henry. Came home & fixed vegetable dips, cheese ball, and hot wassail drink. Anne Wheeler, and her sister and 2 fellows came over to spend Christmas eve. He had a little program. Bruce Monson came over later.

Sunday Dec 25, We had a really lovely Christmas. Went to the 1st Ward Sacrament Meeting at 10:30. Guy, Laura and I sang in the ward choir. We have a very good choir conductor. Alvin, Wesley, Pamela Kimberlee and Patrick sang 2 songs with the rest of the Jr. Sunday school. I sang "Star Bright" with Jeanne Acorn. At 1:00 Richard had to go to the branch Sacrament Meeting. Mom & Dad & Ann came and visited for a couple of hours. Played games and had a nice time.

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2nd at work I picked up a chord lead to his girl friend. I up the house I went to the home I fixed and hot wassail and 2 fellows eve. He had a come over later... really lovely I Sacramento and I sang in we a very good Lesley, Pamela 2 songs with school. I Jeanine Acosta go to the branch I Dad & Amy couple of hours a nice time

Monday Dec 26 Had a very relaxing day. In the evening went over to Mom & Dad Blacks to the family Christmas party. Laura recited a poem that we made up about an hour before the party.

Let us tell you the State of our Black family,

We'll start with the first month of January,

To the school board and branch President the call came in pair

The first rails were driven in our newspaper

Our home evening visit to the prison did not come about.....

Because some joker there decided he wanted out.

The second month brought lots of flu Cub scouts, boys scouts, Valentines too We planted some garden, most of the seeds didn't grow.

Our garden this year was going to be just so.

^{on march} The spelling bee that Laura did win Took her to the district so she could try again

The doctor confirmed what we all did ~~sup~~ suspects

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In time we must agree on a name to select.
The month of April brought many things
Deacon's Secretary, Head Year, and Garden
Planting

The word roadshow starred Guy Black
With Mommy ~~and~~ ^{the} side show or something like
that.

Daddy did see some new country
Cause the school board sent him to
South Carolina.

In the month of May we got a loan
To make our addition more like a home.

A scheduled trip to New York City
Was cancelled "Oh what a Pity"

..... Our Delta property we did sell.....
We gave up our dream of farm life, Oh well
At June Graduation Daddy did preside
And Pamela's first tooth came out on its side
The fishing was lousy up in the hills
The house building project piled up
the bills

When Daddy was gone to St Louis
The neighbor's cow invaded our yard,
Oh Phooey

On an 8 day camp Guy did go
We burgered our old milk cow also
The bedrooms & plumbing began to take form.
And Wesley through Baptism was reborn.

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A branch float & scout camp completed Jan
And August began with us on the fly.

A 3 day trip to Jackson Hole

A wet river trip, a swim in Bear Lake, a
a melodrama show

Some men from the 10th Branch gave us
a lift

They helped on our house, my what
a gift

In September, the Eagle Scout badge was
earned,

To finish bedrooms upstairs midnight oil
was burned.

The kids in their bedrooms mad life
much more pleasant

^{and} Our baby arrived a day early for ^{Mom's}
birthday present

November was hurried as work on our
home once more progressed. commenced

And our prisoners girl friend was
baptized hence.

Dad didn't give us time to finish
this poem,

We'll probably finish it after you go home

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Jeffrey is really developing fast. He has been smiling and laughing at his Daddy since about 6 weeks old and turned over from his tummy to his back at 2½ months. At five weeks he weighed 10 lbs and was 22¾ inches long. At 2½ months ~~we~~ he weighs ~~and is~~ long.

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Between Christmas and New Years the kids
and I slept in quite a few days of the week.
Guy went on 2 scout camps, Laura went
baby-sitting for Neese's

New Years Eve the whole family went over
to the Branch party. Saw the show "True Grit"
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Jan 1, 1977 Didn't get to bed until 2:00 a.m. and was very tired. When Richard & Guy left for their meetings I somehow got the notion that Sunday School started at 9:30 so at 8:45 I proceeded to awaken the children. At ~~8:50~~ 9. Laura came down and looked at the clock wanting to know what the hurry was. I had forgotten that Sunday School didn't start until 10:30. Got a small nap & went to Branch Sac. Mtg. Shawn came to stay over night so for

Jan 2, 1977 Slept in til after 9:00. after Breakfast went looking at houses that need repair. Looked at two different ones. We are strongly thinking of investing in a home... that needs repair. Work done, doing the work as a family and reselling it to hopefully make a profit so that we will be able to finance missions & college.

Tonight for home night we instituted a system where each member of the family except Jeffrey had a part to do. Each week the parts will rotate. I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

I have been helping Alice clean and fix up Mom's house. We laid a carpet & scrubbed & papered etc.

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Sunday I got a rash on my face & it gradually got worse. It is something like hives. I finally had Richard & his Dad administer to me & it helped. It didn't itch as much. Tues night I got some calamine lotion & rubbed on. It helped too. My face was swollen pretty bad.

We finally got the letter written for the bank so that work can go forward on the loan for our house.

Wednesday Jan 4, I spent most of the day at Mom's helping Alice fix up her house. My face doesn't seem to be getting any better.

Thursday Jan 5 - Awoke at 3:00 a.m. itching all over. I put more calamine lotion on... but it didn't seem to help. I then took a hot lemon bath & a garlic enema, after which I went back to bed and slept until nearly 9:00. Richard stayed home and fixed breakfast & got the kids off to school. I called Dr. Beales and he called a prescription in for me which Richard went & got for me before going to work.

Friday I wasn't much better so Richard took me in to the Dr and he gave me a strong shot. He was puzzled as to what it might be. This helped the swelling go down some. I am still a bit puffy.

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Saturday Jan 7, Richard went to the 5:00 session of the Temple with his Dad. after word we looked at the outside of a few houses, then went looking at fold-down trailers. Richard got some of the shingles put on besides helping his Dad fix the boiler & the neighbor fix her truck.

At 4:30 he went to Priesthood leadership meeting. Laura is babysitting for Papas. I stayed home tonight because my face hasn't really closed up. Richard gave extemporaneous talk in 4:30 mtg.

Sunday Jan 8, Stake conference at 9:30. Richard gave the opening prayer. Got a small nap. Guy, Laura & Alvin went to the 1st ward Sacrament meeting. I took the rest of the children to the Branch. It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. After feeding the children I made a couple of sandwiches to take over to Richard as today was fast day. Laura & I took it over. Richard was nearly through so we stayed in the van and I talked while waiting.

Monday Jan 9, I itched terrible all day, but spent the day getting ready for home night. Prepared a game and helped Patrick make treats. Guy helped by preparing dinner. Went to the prison for home night. When we returned I itched so bad

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that I took a bath with baby oil in it. This seemed to help. I then rubbed my face with vaseline. Slept well after this. I must need more oil in my skin.

Tuesday Jan 10, Feel much better. Still itch a small amount. Visited with Mom a short while, helped her with utilities & put her hair up. Her ~~hair~~^{home} looks very nice now. Went to Court of Honor. I Guy received his metals merit badge. The first ward won the Court of Honor for the 2nd month in a row.

Wednesday Jan 10, I ran errands for the better part of the day. I sold the balance of the Does we had. (25) to Mom and Dad. Back for \$20.00. Bought some stamps so I could mail the letters I have been holding for nearly a month. I took Jeffrey out to get the first vaccinations in the series of Polio and DPT. The federal government has reached out to that area with its paper work. I had to fill out several papers before he could get his shot. I picked up some nalgahyde to recover the stroller and picked up the booklets ~~for~~ and refreshments for the girls maturation program. Then I ran down to President Hutchings work to get a letter Richard needed. Took the children

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to Primary and took Laura to the Desert Book & K-Mart shopping. The evening was hurried & went by quickly. Ruth Hardy called to see if I had any slides of Richard to be used at the Branch reunion. She is going to try to come to the girls maturation program tomorrow to help answer questions. I sometimes wonder why I said yes to working on the PTA. I was told it wouldn't be very involved and it has already been 3 times more involved than I thought it would. That is the way most things are when someone says that there isn't much involved.

After Richard got home from Stake Bishops meeting he had to go into work. Didn't get home until 2:00 a.m.

Thursday Jan 12, Awoke very tired. Had difficulty getting anything done. Went over to the school to PTA Board meeting and made arrangements for Projector. Just had time to feed kids & get them down for a nap and then start getting ready to go back to the school for the Girls Maturation Program. There were about 28 girls & their mothers. Laura came with and ran the projector. We showed two films & handed out the pamphlet "Very Personally Yours." Ruth Hardy a nurse from the

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Branch came down and talked to the girls also. We served refreshments. Richard was home early so we went out to Magna with Don Neese from the ward to see a couple of small homes. He knows some people who have some money they may invest in our house at better interest than the bank. We haven't decided on the houses quite yet.

Jan 13, Accomplished quite a few items that need accomplishing. Laura started the day out right by helping others with their work.

Weighted & measured the children. Here are results

	Weight	Height
Jeffrey	13 lbs	26 1/2 inches
Patrick	30 lbs	34 1/2 inches
Kimberlee	40 lbs	42 1/2 inches
Pamela	50 lbs	47 1/2 inches
Wesley	70 lbs	52 1/4 inches
Alvin	76 lbs	56 1/4 inches
Laura	89 lbs	62 3/4 inches
Guy	111 lbs	62 inches

Got the stroller fixed. Laura had an orthodontist appointment. I got Alvin's badges & mom's vacuum. Pack meeting Alvin got his Bear award & is going to get the Webeles in a couple of months.

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Saturday Jan 14, After sleeping in til 9:00 a.m. and getting breakfast for the family I took Wesley to a Primary Class party and I went over to the stake House to practice "O Divine Redeemer" with Glenn Hardman, Richard and the boys put on the rest of the shingles. Richard also got a few of the job jar items completed & went up to help with cleaning mom's basement. I took Guy looking for fish tanks. We are seeing progress in the things we are trying to accomplish even though at times it does seem slow. Tended Tenny & Chad.

Sunday Jan 15, 1978, Guy gave a short talk in Sunday School and Pamela & Kimberlee took Tenny to Sunday School with her. Helped Alvin with art. Wesley with scouts. Sacrament meeting at the Branch. We should all try harder to reach out to our neighbors. After dinner read the scriptures with the children. Pamela expressed a desire to read with us and she did a pretty good job.

Monday Jan 16, Alvin was ill so I kept him at home. He stayed with Jeffrey & Kimberlee while I took Patrick to walk over to the

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Credit Union to make a deposit. On the way I noticed Alice was at Mom's so I stopped.

Patrick stayed there while I completed my journey. Came home and helped Kimberlee make cupcakes for home night treats. Alvin helped her finish them while I went up to Mom's to help Alice fix her drapes. I put hooks in the drapes, hung & pleated them while Alice sewed them.

Laura fixed dinner, when I came home I finished preparing home night lesson. Julie & Gene came by on their way home. Mom & Dad Black, Ann and her friend Karen Rowley came over for home night. We had just gotten started when the phone rang. A new fellow in the branch, Steve Treft, couldn't find where his home evening group was meeting so Richard invited him over too. Had a nice evening. I feel the children are starting to get along with each other much better.

Tuesday Jan 17, 1978. Went visiting teaching with Julie Nease. Had to take Patrick, Kimberlee & Jeffrey with me. I repaired clothes until Wesley came home then took a hike through old farm with him. Worked on drapes for

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family room until nearly midnight.
Richard had school board meeting.
Alvin & Guy had scouts & Laura
a planning meeting.

Wednesday Jan 18, 1978. Richard slept late &
then visited Granite Park Jr. High. I worked
on Drapes most of the day. At 3:30 I walked
Kimberlee over to the school & met the other
children. I then walked them nearly over to
the stake house for Primary. Stayed up until
midnight again working on drapes. Richard
came home about that time.

Thursday Jan 19, Went to Relief Society. I
invited my neighbor Ruth Carter to attend
with me. She accepted and enjoyed it.
She is planning on attending again. I
worked on drapes again.

Friday - Got ready to go to the Temple.
We went to the 4:00 session with McDougall's
and Payman's and then out to eat at Jacob's
mill. Mom & Dad Black tended the children
for us. It was very enjoyable.

Saturday Jan 20, Laura went on an MDA
tubing party. I took Guy to buy a fish
aquarium. Richard got half the
shelves fixed. The Branch had its one
year birthday party. They recounted the
happenings & showed pictures. They

gave me some red roses & Richard a set of reference books. A very nice party. They had a dance.

Sunday Jan 22, I sang "O Divine Redeemer" in the 2nd Ward. The Branch had a nice meeting. Dan Lindstrom, & Jeri & Bruce Jones spoke. In the afternoon one of the members of the Branch, Gunner Skollingsburg, was re-baptized. Richard & Guy had Priesthood Leadership meeting at 7:00.

Monday Jan 23, Wesley was ill so I made him stay home. Had a nice home night.

Tuesday - Wesley was still ill. Richard was ill also. I stayed home. Had visiting teachers come and the appraiser for the bank came by. Richard & I looked at a few houses. Richard went to the branch & I tried to go to bed early since I didn't feel well.

Wed. Caught up on paper work & in the afternoon went up to Mamma's & cleaned carpets & painted cupboards and fixed chairs. Came home & cleaned our kitchen carpet. Alice let me borrow her scrubber, so I am going to clean all the rooms if I get time. The children are studying for a spelling contest at school.

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Thursday 26, Arose early to get ready for Relief Society. I had to be at Visiting teacher report meeting at 9:15. I sang the Chinese song during the lesson on Hong Kong. Worked on income tax and in the evening the whole family went to the branch activity. I

Friday Jan 27, Guy and Laura had the opportunity of going to the Salt Lake Temple to do baptisms for the dead. Laura did 121 and Guy did 150. The 1st Ward had a ward social that was fun. I rode down to ^{with Richard} his work. Saturday Jan 28, Richard got up early to go out to the prison to get Henry. Sue came by at about 9:00 and we ate breakfast. Henry & Sue went shopping while we straightened the house and got quite a few things accomplished. In the afternoon Sue, Henry, Guy, Laura, Alvin, & Wesley went down to Temple square. Richard & I took the 4 youngest with us to look at fold-down trailers then met them at Temple square. Later on we took Henry & Sue out to dinner at the Dimpler.

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Sunday Jan 29. The Branch Relief Society invited me to come to opening exercises. There they presented me and Sister Pappaman with baby blankets which they had worked on. Sister Mc Dougall is pregnant & very ill so she was unable to make it but they had a blanket for her also. Laura gave ^{the} Sacrament Gem in Sunday school. The Branch had a nice Sacrament meeting. We need to contribute our part to making life a much better place to live by doing our best in things we pursue and improving our knowledge daily. We should always be striving to gain new knowledge & insights.

Monday Jan 30, 1978 For home night we went swimming at Granite High. We left Patrick and Jeffrey with Grandma and Grandpa Black while we were swimming Richard had Wesley & I had Pamela. Kimberlee was on the side supposedly holding on. It was just moment when we checked on her & couldn't see her. We made a mad dash to where we had left her & she was madly struggling & holding her breath. She had stepped off the step & gone in over her head. It gave us quite a scare.

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Tuesday Jan 31, Richard didn't have a board meeting or anything at the Branch. I had worked on shelves during the day & he finished them for me. He also put up the other dropery rod.

Wednesday, ^{Feb 1} I painted the shelves of the closet under the stairs. Ueola came over and I helped her put in a lining for her coat. I then started moving fruit. When the children came home they helped me.

Thursday morning finished most of the fruit before going to Relief Society. Started cleaning storage room. Laura, Guy & Alvin went to the

Branch activities where they were taught Disco dancing. Richard went visiting....

Friday continued cleaning & painting. In the evening went to the Branch for a short while with Richard while he made phone calls. Guy went on a scout camp.

Saturday I spent the whole day finishing the storage room. I still have some painting to do. In the evening Richard & I went grocery shopping & stopped at Picadilly for a Picadilly dinner.

Sunday Fast Sunday. This week sometime I will contact my neighbor in the west end of the red brick duplex to invite her to Relief Society. Richard got home fairly early but after making

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and receiving phone call. it was rather late. Laura & Guy had a planning meeting.

Monday, Feb 6, 10 am. I the chairman of the nominating committee to nominate officers for Lincoln P.T.A. Darlene Greenig and Ellen Larsen are on the committee also. I spent quite a while calling people but finally came up with the slate of Maxine Godfrey - President, Dr. Novak - V.P.

Carol Belka - V.P. Mrs. Crafts - V.P. Pat Ashby - Sec & Sheila White - Treas.

For home evening Richard took all of the children except Patrick & Jeffrey and went to the prison. Paula Jacobson called and came over to visit with me.

Tuesday Wednesday Feb 8, P.T.A. Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. Went over to my neighbor, Pat Barrett and invited her to R.S. She couldn't make it this week but she said she would like to come another time. Took children to primary. Last night Tues. Laura went to "Shanandah" & Guy went with the scouts to Cottonwood Mall to set up a display. They were both later getting home than Richard.

Thursday at Relief Society started work on macrame. Went through clothing the rest of the day & Friday also. I didn't

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feel too well Friday night. Saturday Richard spent most of the day helping his dad fix his tumbler, I spent a lot of the day helping Laura with her clothes & repairing our clothes. Paula Jackson called and invited 2 or 3 of the children to go with her to "The mouse and his child".

Wesley, Pamela & Kimberlee went. Richard & I went out to Fernwoods for an ice cream.

When Paula brought the children home she stayed and visited a while & even began speaking Spanish with Guy and Laura.

Sunday, Feb 12 I gave a 2 1/2 minute talk in Sunday School. The day was very busy and I was tired at night.

Monday Feb 13 - I spent most of the day repairing & fixing clothing. I did help Alvin some with his puppet. We had a nice home night. Pamela gave the lesson & she did it all by herself & did a pretty good job.

Tuesday. Took Guy & Laura to school & spent until 10:00 getting back home to stay as I ran out of gas.

Jeffrey is doing real well. Last week I placed him in a walker at Relief Society and he sat up in it very well. Patrick can't seem to leave him alone he loves him so much.

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Jeffrey turns over real well & sits for a short while. If he could get his tummy off the ground he would be able to crawl. He has been eating some oatmeal for several weeks now. Patrick is talking in sentences now. He gets into everything. He won't leave Jeffrey alone. Sometimes it is very frustrating. Richard bought me a new pair of shoes for Valentine's and we looked for a walker for Jeffrey. Finally we bought one at ZCWD that cost over \$9.00. After setting it up at home we noticed the sewing on the seat was coming undone. I took it back Wed & then went up to Granite Furniture and got a... round one that I like better for about half that price. I spent most of the day calling on the phone for prices and doing paper work. Richard & I went to the viewing for Craig Pappano's mother. She had a heart attack.

The people who are putting in the subdivision west of us are checking to see if they can put in a driveway approach for us. They finally got another access from 5th East.

Kimberlee is growing up some. She still dreams about everything and is very fussy about what kind of food she will eat! She does a lot of screaming. Am hoping she outgrows this before long.

Pamela is starting to do better at taking her share of the responsibility of keeping the house clean. She is beginning to grow up & not be quite so babyish as she was even 6 months ago.

Wesley is working on the requirements for his "Wolf award". He is interested in fixing his pinewood dealer also.

Alvin competed in the school spelling bee... but... lost... out... on the word furniture.... He has been working on a puppet and script for the Blue & Gold Banquet. He has been especially interested in the activity of the cement & tanks in the field next door.

The bank turned down the loan to refinance the house so we took out an installment loan & got another \$1,000 to get some of the things accomplished that are needed. I finished the income tax forms and got them sent. We will have about \$700.00 refund to help out also.

Laura has been on the chess team & is presently #15. I believe she is enjoying it.

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school more now. Her and Guy are beginning to understand Spanish much more. They need someone to speak it to. Guy has spent most of the week at the Cottonwood mall with a scout display. Time is flying by so quickly. Each week just whizzes by.

Wednesday - Worked at home, & took children to Primary.

Thursday Feb 16 - went to Relief Society. Helped kids with spelling.

Friday - Ran errands & got ready for Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet. Alvin did a puppet show and received his Webster award, the showmanship & scientist activity badges. Wesley was in a skit & received his progress towards Rank and two beads towards his Wolf. ~~He~~

Saturday Feb 18, Alvin had a ^{Sing} practice at the Granite Tabernacle ^{for Sunday conference}. Pamela and Wesley had a ^{Singing} practice at the stake house for stake conference. We got new tires on the van and went looking for a bed. We finally decided not to get a bed at the present time but to get some food storage put away so we went shopping with all the children and purchased around

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\$200.00 worth of groceries mostly case goods
after we went and got some pizzas &
Aby's platters & ate.

Sunday Feb 19, Went to Sunday School
and Sacrament meeting at the 1st Ward. Other
than fighting to keep Patrick quiet in Sac.
meeting today was quite relaxing.

Monday, Richard and the children
had the day home. We got the garage
partly cleaned. Richard fixed the motor
mount on the Van & the heater. We also
tore out the panels & carpet & got part
of the carpet laid. Had a nice home
night also.

Tuesday, Cl. bought some naphthalene
& started recovering the panels. Laura
brought home a friend Nikki Abraham.
Cl took Guy to buy a coat & tennis
shoes for his birthday which is
Thursday. Richard had school board
meeting, Guy had scouts, Laura had
a planning meeting, Ann came over
to visit while mom & Dad went to the
temple and Pagmans brought their
children over for us to tend while they went
to the temple. Needless to say we were
up late.

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Wednesday Feb 22, 1978 I worked on Van panels most of the day. Went to Primary with Alvin's Class. They showed the film "The Windows of Heaven". It brought back to me that Faith does Precede The Miracle as the title of President Kimball's book suggests. Also that man's ways are not Gods ways. One brother suggested having a \$1,000, \$500 \$100 etc Club. Pres. Snow said, "No" this is not the Lords way. In the evening went with Laura to the "Standards Night". It was a lovely evening and brought back memories to me of when I was a girl in MCLA. Guy was in the school spelling bee and was one of the 27 who were still in the running when they had to continue it until tomorrow. I helped him with his words.

Thursday - Guy came in 3rd for the 8th grade & 5th for the whole school on the spelling bee. They changed the words on the last round and all the kids missed. The last one in line was the winner. He at least knows 500 words that he didn't before.

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It was Guy's birthday. We got him a new coat & a pair of Keds - The kids went together on a foot locker for him.

I didn't feel well in the afternoon & evening - Richard took the children over to the Branch & they played basketball while he had interviews.

Friday I slept most of the day. Had visiting teachers.

In the evening we all went to the Scout court of Honor. Guy was in a spirit & received the 2nd palm (gold).

Saturday - The kids went several directions for practices. We tried to work on fixing the Van but things just didn't seem to go together right. Richard took a load to the dump.

Sunday, Feb 26, The Bishop interviewed Guy to become a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. Guy, Laura & Alvin went to the 1st Ward Sac. mtg. Richard went out to the prison & got Henry. Sue brought him his suit & after the changed we went up to the 1st Ward where Richard ordained Guy a teacher. The rest of the family who hadn't gone to Sac Mtg went to the Branch, along with Henry & Sue.

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Mon Feb 27 Richard helped Alvin & Wesley with their pinewood derby's & I worked on finishing the ceiling panels for the Van.

Tues Feb 28 Wesley, Alvin & Pamela were home today for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

The teachers all had good reports to give. They are progressing very well. Pamela is growing up a lot and reading very well. Wesley's interest in books has greatly increased. Today he read two of the Great Brain Books. Alvin is a leader in his class and a great help to his teacher.

Wed. Mar 1, 1978 - Today is our 15th Wedding Anniversary. Richard had an early school board meeting. At 1:30 he came home and got me & I and we drove to Ogden & saw Linda Crewell. She is adjusting pretty good. Grabbed a bite to eat & drove home & got children some dinner. Guy & Laura were home today for parent-teacher conference. After getting dinner for the children we went to parent teacher conference & then to a Branch Relief Society Visiting teaching dinner. It was Japanese. One girl likened visiting teaching to a snowflake and lots of snowflakes. One by itself does not seem very

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significant. Many together do. We all
need to help those we are responsible
for visiting teaching. The Relief Society
presented us with a Crystal Salt & O
pepper shakers for our anniversary. When
he came home Paula Jacobson was here
talking Spanish with Guy & Laura.

Carol Gray dropped by to tell me that
she got her job teaching Seminary. She
was very excited and wanted me to
thank Richard for the blessing he gave
her. Richard brought home a
poster and box labeled Survival kit for the
Branch President. The Poster was made with
Candy. Was to represent some of the words. It...
read

Dear President Block,

You are worth a \$100,000 when
you give a marathon of time to single
people who feel like geeks. You give
good and plenty advice. You're a
special life saver.

Forever yours

Dixie DeCaw, Patti Gailay,
ReNae Brooks and Debbie Snow.

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- The survival kit contained several items
- 1- A bottle of rope - Call on Priesthood Elders
 - 2- Cheese and crackers - Branch rations

For in between interviews when you haven't eaten for 40 days and 40 nights

- 3- 2 toothpicks - Insert one under each eyelid to help relieve heavy eyelids during L-O-N-G interviews.

- 3- 2 cottonballs - These are "Noise" silencers - Use in each ear when necessary.

- 4- plastic eye glasses - Wear during sacrament meeting to disguise sleepy eyes during L-O-N-G Fast meetings.

- 5- Plastic men - The world has need of willing men

Wives want 200 men to make the sisters happy.

Safe, non-toxic, unbreakable,
Ready to swing into action

(recommended for women over 25)

(water them maybe they'll grow)

- 6- Bottle of pills - Gos-Pills

Take one each day to help keep your life in order

- 7- A container of "helps"

- 8 - Suggestion: Marriage incentive!
Bachelors should pay 15% tithe.
(give rebate to single women over 28)
- 9 - 2 popawyle sticks - A splint. Use
to help mend broken spirits -
Secure tightly!
- 10 - Band aids - For healing spiritual
lacerations!
- 11 - A card - When you work for the
Lord - the retirement benefits are
out of this world!
- 12 - A card -
To the Black Children in Remembrance
of their Father

Who is this stranger, Mother dear?
Ain't he funny, ain't he queer?
Hush my child, don't tremble so.
He's your father, don't you know?
He's my father, no such thing!
Father passed away last spring.
No, he did not die, dear child,
Your father joined the bishopric.
Now he meets and meets and meets
He has no time to sleep or eat.
He at funerals must preside.
He must kiss the pretty bride
There are meetings every day,

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Welfare, priesthood and YA.
Sunday school and picture show,
or what have you, he must go.
Kiss him darling, he won't bite.
Let us treat this stranger right.

Tuesday March 2, 1978. I went to
Relief Society. The lesson was recognizing
that the Lord's promises will be
fulfilled. Sister Olive Pearson
related how at one time in her life
she felt she needed repeated
blessings. At one time Elder Mark
& Peterson was at their stake and
she asked him for a blessing...
In the blessing he told her
to remind the Lord of the blessings
she has been given because those
blessings are there and she needs
to be reminded of those blessings.
Sister Jeannine Acorn presented
me with the friendship basket.
I was really quite pleased and
surprised. We went as a family to
the Region Basketball game. The 10th
Brunch played and lost. A blizzard
was in progress after.

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Friday March 3, Granite Park called about 10:30 and informed me that Guy had cut his hand in the metals class. I took him to the Baynes Clinic where Dr. Miller put stitches in and gave him lots of shots. The Dr. isn't sure that the skin on the finger that was cut will even live. He is to go in again Monday. Pamela, Wesley, Alvin & Laura are all reading books for the U.S. Read A Thon. They got me to pledge for each book they read.

I went with Donna, Dwayne & Jackie Curtis to the Title IX Equity Workshop at the Hilton Hotel. Richard attended. It was enlightening.

Sunday Attended Sunday school at the ward and 9 Sac Mtg at the branch there took Laura, Alvin & Wesley with me back to a fireside featuring "Morning Child", a singing group. Got into a good discussion with ^{the children} them about people who call them "gay" for everything they don't understand about them.

Monday Mr. Guy went in to have his hand checked. We went to the prison but couldn't get in because someone ^(a worker) had jammed the chapel door and it wouldn't open. We came

home & had our home night.

Tuesday, March 7, Laura & Guy had
met a. Bishop Jones asked that I
come in to see him and he asked
me to be Laurel Garden. After discussion
with Richard and praying about it I
felt that I should not take that
position at this time. I would not
have a baby sitter and I did not
feel that I had the energy or time
with the heavy responsibilities that
Richard has at the present time.

I believe we are given opportunity to help us learn to make
Richard has been offered a job working
for Vantage in... Connecticut... This is going...
to be a major decision in our lives
at one time we are all excited about
the prospects & at another time we
have qualms about moving & leaving the
house & school board. Yet there may
be something there for us that we
should be doing. I hope we make
the right decision.

Richard left school board meeting

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Wednesday Laura & Hwy went over to work at Grandma & Grandpa's place. After Primary Alvin, Dorey & P. de E. Kimbrell went over also and I helped them plant peas. After dinner I took the children to library.

Thursday March 9, Went a practice at 9:00 am. & then to Relief Society. After Relief Society went over to home for a while. Alvin was there cleaning. Mom watched the children while I went over to the rest home and sang "I Need Thee Every Hour". Sister Derrick's sister-in-law gave a book review of the life of Alvin Lake, a lady who was stricken with polio & the way she met these challenges. Al got him in time to take the Cub Scout to the Primary Children's Medical Center. After dinner Hwy, Laura & Alvin went swimming at Granite High School. Jeffery started crawling.

Friday - March 10, Home Man to Sister Dorey. Made a bulletin board & framed a "Quincy pie" towel. Took Laura to orthodontist, picked up Mom, Lynn & ran a payment down to Zion.

After dinner went to Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Alvin & Wesley's cars were both good. Alvin won 2nd place & received a nice trophy. After we went over to

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the Branch to help with co-lating.
about 1:30 Jeffery got so cross that
I had Richard take myself & the 2
youngest children home. At 3:30 he
brought Alvin Wesley & Lynn home. at
5:00 he brought they & at 7:00 he &
Lynn finally came home. At about
12:00 Richard went back over to help.
They finished about 12:30. At nine Alvin
went to his practice. At 10:00 Pamela &
Wesley to theirs & at 10:30 I went to
my practice. It was 1:00 p.m. before
I got anything ready for the kids to eat.
We then pitched in and got the house
cleaned. Van Wilder, E. Bruce, Horace, Debbie
Susan & another girl came & helped us set
up for the dinner. Then at 6:00 everyone
came. The Branch Presidency, Bishop ^{Emory} & Sis
Engley & the clerks & secretaries & fellow-
shipers. It was very nice.
Bought shoes for Alvin. Pam & Kim.

Sunday March 12. Heard two talks
today that dealt with being at a place for
a while and then being in another place
when the time is right. They both struck
me and made me wonder if we are
supposed to move to Corvallis & accept
this job. It is going to be a difficult.

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decision especially if we are supposed to go
as there are many obstacles to overcome.
Then is the school board, the branch,
my mother, renting the home, getting
things in order to leave & probably a
few we haven't even thought of.

Today a singles branch was organized in
Pete's stake & he was called to be the
1st Counselor in the Branch Presidency.

Marsha Jacobsen brought a couple from California
over to see us. They want me to baby
sit their 14 month old daughter tomorrow.

Monday March 13. Baby sat & sewed and
repaired clothing. In the evening went
out to the prison. Bishop Sventy announced
that Sunday evening the Brethren will
be at the Prison to organize a Branch of
the Church. They are also moving forward
with plans to build a chapel for minimum
security.

Tuesday March 14. Practiced song for R.S.
spent most of the day repairing, cleaning
& pressing Richards' clothing. In the
evening Richard went to a Home Evening
Group leaders seminar & then discussed
with Pete & the rest of the Branch
Presidency how to get their Branch
organized.

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I took the children to the court of Honor. The 1st Ward won for the month of February and got to retire the trophy. Then they won for March & will be getting another trophy.

Wednesday March 15, Richard leaves on the plane this morning for San Francisco for a Vantage users group. He will meet with Bob Montemple, the President of Vantage & discuss the benefits. I worked on drapes for the Van. Barbara Hastings came by to visit for a little while.

Thursday March 16. Sang at the Relief Society Birthday Social with Carol Belka, Paula Farr, Charlotte Reynolds & Dixie Derrick. We received a newspaper from Eva's husband Gene Graf of homes available in Glastonbury. I called two realtors from Salt Lake (ERA & Century 21) who both lined me up with Realtors in Glastonbury.

Friday March 17, Finished the Van drapes. The kids planned a Welcome home party for Richard. He came home about a half of an hour later than he thought because of a layover in Reno. During the day I helped Mom clean her house.

Saturday March 18. The children went in all directions for practices again. Alvin & Guy worked for Grandpa - Wesley. Sold 5 cube Carnival tickets & got a free fisher. We got the ground tilled & some seeds planted. We also finished putting in ^{the} carpet, & seats & scrubbed the Van really good. It looks pretty nice. Paula Jacobsen came over & tended the 6 youngest children. Laura & Guy went with us to the Saturday night meeting of Stake conferences. It was very good. After Stanford Acomb came over & along with our children went through the pennies that 4 of the Home Evening groups had collected for the Primary Medical Center. It was over 2 1/2 gals of mostly pennies. They paid 2 for ~~the price of \$1~~ on the ones they wanted to keep. Patrick has not felt good all day & last night. He has been feverish.

Sunday March 19, Patrick still didn't feel very well, so Richard stayed home with him & Kimberlee & Jeffery. He got them all to sleep. Pamela & Wesley sang with a primary chorus for Stake Conference. They sang "I Am A Child of God", "Happy Birthday To The Primary", and "As I Have Loved You". The Theme of the

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conference was activation. President Hutchings gave us a blessing that if we earnestly tried to help bring activity into another's life or more into our own we will be blessed.

Jeffrey is surely growing. Now that he can crawl he is trying to reach things up above him. It won't be long before he will be pulling himself up to things.

Patrick is really quite cute with Jeffrey.

Himberlee is getting excited about the prospect of going to register for school.

The other children are doing well in school and other activities.

Guy, Laura and Alvin went to the 1st Ward Sacrament meeting so that I could go to the Branch. ~~Later on~~

Paula Jacobsen came over and stayed again while Richard & I took Jeffrey and traveled to the Prison to witness ^{take part in} a historical event in the history of the Church and of the world.

Held at the Utah State Prison a Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized. Bishop Mac Bay was sustained as Branch President.

Dale Springer as 1st Counselor & Keith Whitmore as 2nd Counselor. This put the Priesthood program into the Prison. It will allow for Priesthood Courts to be held so that the fellows may know their standing with the Church and may begin to turn their lives around. It will work with men who have committed the more serious crimes without limitation which could mean a lot to Henry.

We sang "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet" and indeed we are thankful for a Prophet such as President Kimball who is reaching out to touch as many lives as possible and this is only one of many examples. There is a branch at the detention center, the singles branches are another example.

We also sang "The Spirit of God Like a Fire". These words seemed very appropriate for the occasion.

The spirit of God like a fire is burning
The latter-day glory begins to come forth;
The visions & blessings of old are returning
And angels are coming to visit the earth.

The Lord is extending the Saints understanding
Restoring their judges, and all as at first

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The knowledge and power of God are
expanding

The veil over the earth is beginning to burst

I feel that this evening is a very important evening. It is one more step toward the Gospel being preached to everyone including those in the prison.

Monday March 20, Most of this week worked on sewing clothes & repairing clothes. During the week I sewed Pamela & Kimberly each a new dress for Easter. I did some altering on Laurie's clothes. Alvin went to scouts today. I did some art work with colored threads.

Tuesday March 21, Patrick has been ill for about 4 days now. Sat & Sun he laid around with a high fever most of the time. Monday morning he acted like he felt a little better, but after his nap he woke up cross & fussy & had a swollen gland. He spent a rough night Monday also. So today I took him to Dr. Dannie. He took a throat culture & found it to be strep throat. He treated it with penicillin. Jeffrey

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has been acting like he had a sore throat so I am treating him also. While there the Dr. looked at Jeffery's eye. He has a clogged tear duct and has had a mucous matter draining from his left eye almost since he was born. He referred me to a Dr. George Pingree in Miami. The appointment is for April 4.

Eva was in town for the night so we went over to Mom & Dad Black's & visited a couple of hours. She is looking good. We visited quite a bit about the possibility of moving to Connecticut. Richard had a school board meeting & stopped off afterward.

Wed. Sister Acornb came visiting teaching. We were discussing moving & I asked her if Guy could stay there next week while we go to Connecticut. Mom came down after her R. S. In the course of conversation Sister Acornb mentioned the move. We had not told Mom because we knew it would worry her & that she would lecture us that we shouldn't move. Sure enough that's just what she did. I took Mom down to get her blood pressure checked at the free

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clinic for the elderly.

Thursday March 23, The kids are home from school for 2 days for the Easter holiday. Guy stayed at Shawn's & Ricky I came here to stay. Laura tended while I went to R.S. while I was gone Victor Baccetti called & left a number for us to call at 7:00 tonight. Richard & I went over to the Branch so we could use both phones. He wanted to tell us that he has been appointed the director of Social Services of the Navaho nation. He has about 150 people working under him. He also said... he... is... finally... ready... to find... a mate. He is 28 yrs old now. He expressed his desire to have a large family as we do. I guess we did do some good for him with the brief encounter we had with him.

Friday March 24, Richard took me shopping & made me buy 3 trousers & 1 pair pants. With the pants I have I will have 3 nice pant suits now. I surely needed them but hated to spend so much money for them.

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Saturday March 25, Richard took the kids Alvin, Wesley, Pamela, Kimberlee & Patrick down to Smiths Foodking for a candy hunt. They came home with 3 1/2 gallons of candy & plus a lot of candy bars. At 10:00 we went to the Desert Industries where they were having an Easter sale. We searched for clothes & shoes & etc & got quite a few for everyone. We even got a rocking chair for 75¢. Laura wants to recover it. Later in the day we went & bought the rest of the clothes for the kids that we couldn't find at the D.I. & spent until midnight getting clothes washed, ironed, mended etc so we could go.

Sunday March 26, Easter. I stayed home with Jeff & put an onion plaster on him. The children looked nice in their new clothes. I sang "Oh Divine Redeemer" at the 1st Ward Sacrament Meeting. I took the kids around delivering their clothes to the places they will be staying. You will be staying at Stanford Acosta's, Laura at Sharon Turners. Alvin Wesley and Pamela at Grandma & Grandpa I Blacks, Kimberlee and Patrick at Grandma Richard came

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home a little early so we all went out to Karen & Denis. They had their baby blessed today. His name is Brent.

Monday March 27. We went a busy morning getting everything ready to go. I picked Mom & Mom up to take her to the temple, dropped Kim & Patrick off at Karen's & picked Richard up at 10:30 a.m. We boarded the airplane and departed at 12:00 p.m.

Since this was my first airplane ride it was very exciting. I thought the view from an airplane very interesting. Jeffery found pretty good for having H.L. but... up in Vermont for so long... He was so interested in everything around & tried to touch everything apart from when we landed at the Chicago O'Hare airport we had about an hour layover so I put him on the carpet & he thoroughly enjoyed just being able to lie & kick. We were served a meal on both planes.

Eva & Gene met us at the Bradley Airport in Hartford. They took us to their home in Holyoke, Massachusetts. She has a nice home, an older one but very cozy.

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They drove us back to Hartford to the Sheraton Hotel where we stayed in room 1724.

March 28, After eating breakfast we rented a car & drove to Glastonbury a short distance south of Hartford on the East side of the river. Richard stayed at the office of Vantage while Jean Connell, the wife of Dick Connell one of the employees that would be on the same level as Richard, took me around showing me the town on the west side of the river. They have a 13-month old girl named Megan who they adopted. During the day we discussed religion. Her & her husband are Catholic but dissatisfied. We talked some of the Book of Mormon. I am going to send her one. We went to lunch at a place called "The Magic Pan" They serve dishes made with Crepes. She took me back to Glastonbury to the office of Vantage. Fred and Jean Connell drove us around Glastonbury & I was quite impressed. It is larger but very rural. Most of the lots are 1 acre.

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or more.

We drove back to the hotel & rested & got freshened up. Fred & I then met us at 6:15 and took us to Dick & Jean's home in West Hartford. They had arranged for a lovely dinner and we left Jeffrey with her & went to a very nice restaurant for dinner. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Wednesday March 29, We drove out to Hartford and ate breakfast at a "friendly" restaurant. We then met with Ruth Steffenman of Century 21.

She showed us a couple of Thomas. Then at 11:15 we met Patsy Gould

of E.R.A. and she showed us a couple of homes. We then rushed back to the hotel & picked up our baggage & drove to the airport.

We left a book of Marny on the airplane and in the hotel. I was glad to get home. It was lots of fun but very exhausting.

Grandma, grandpa & Karen brought all the kids out to meet us at the airport.

Thursday was coming down with a heavy cold. Went to R.S. & a practice afterward. Spent the day seeing people

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places, Guy & Laura to a chess meet
Wesley to Scouts, pick up Guy &
Laura, take back to library.

Friday, March 31. Guy & Laura had a
chess meet. On the evening went out to
Cottonwood mall & watched Willy Wonka
and then ate ice cream at Jefferson's.

Saturday April 1. Guy & Laura went
to more Chess Tournament. I had a
practice after which we went grocery
shopping. Listened to conference. I
also went down to the Habernade &
sang for the afternoon session with a
Primary Chorus. Richard & Guy went to
the Priesthood session

Sunday April 2. We went up to Mary Merrill's
& watched conference on her new color TV. She
fed us dinner. Went to the Branch Soc.
Lmtd. & to a baptism of a girl in the
Branch.

Monday April 3. Richard & I went on
the 5:00 a.m. session to the temple.
I was back by the time Guy & Laura
had to go to school. Cleaned house.
We had a family home evening group
come over for brownie points. The
branch presidency & their families came
also.

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Monday April 4, Richard went to the early morning session at the temple this morning.

I took Jeffrey to Dr. George Pingree in Murray to have his tear duct unplugged. He also got the 2nd ~~shot~~ ^{series} in the DPT & polio immunizations. Richard decided tonight to take the job in Connecticut. He told them he would be coming May 1.

Laura & Guy went to the 1st Ward MHA. This is the first one they have held on their own since the ward boundaries changed.

Wed. Viola spent most of the day at our home. She said they still... wanted to rent our home since we will not be selling it. I sorted through a lot of clothes & gave some to Viola & the rest to the D.I. Spent most of day Thursday after R.S. sorting through things. Sang "A House Becomes a home" with a group at Relief Society. I need to work on not raising my voice in the home.

Friday. worked on sorting again. Devon & Mom came and visited for a while. Made deposit.

325 Laura babysat for Turners.

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Saturday April 8, 1978-

I helped Laura recover a rocking chair. We also got the garage cleaned, the yard raked, fences torn down, things sorted through & a trailer filled. Richard also fixed the bicycles. I finally got the money figured out. Sue Lynch called and said that they have moved their wedding date up to May 27th. Henry also has a home visit set for April 22 from 7:00 am to 1:00 am the next day.

Sunday April 9, Sunday school. ~~5:00~~ First & testimony meeting at the Branch. It was a very good one. We received word that... James... boys David & Steven. Steve was in an auto accident ~~last~~ early this morning. David was killed. Steven is in pretty serious condition in the Nephi hospital.

Monday, Wednesday worked on copying. ~~Benjamin's~~ Ben's plan & myself. Went to the prison with the Court of Honor Tuesday. Thursday & Friday staying at home tonight & Wednesday. Bishop Shurtz has asked us to pick a family to be Henry's home teacher & visit them next month.

Tuesday also called Laura mda. She seems enthused about it. Henry had

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Court of Honor - 1st Ward won the trophy again.

Wednesday April 12, 1978, Richard & Al, Jeffrey, Laura & Guy, Momi Memmott, Melvin, Viola, Carroll, Teens, Linda, Raymond, Sammy & Russell all crammed into our van & drove to Delta for David's funeral. It was a very inspiring funeral. Scott Callister who is the Bishop said that it made him feel like going home and becoming a better person and that is just the way it made me feel. David wrote songs and poetry and was well liked by everyone.

One of the speakers quoted a poem that... made... me think of a new... insight. This life is a sleep & a forgetting and when we die we really wake up again.

Thurs. April 13, Helped with Relief Society luncheon. Worked on packing and fixing and cleaning.

Sunday April 16, Our family put on the Sacrament program in the Branch. Guy spoke on Christ's Second Coming & Laura on Elijah, Alvin on Repentance Wesley on Joseph Smith's 1st Vision, Pamela the 1st Verse of "The Iron Rod" Kimberlee about children & Patrick said E.

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These spelled out SERVICE. I spoke on Service. & Richard also spoke. I sang "We Walk With God." Laura sang "I Wonder When He Comes Again". Laura & Alvin sang "Oh How Lovely Was The Morning". The children & Pappens & McDougal's children sang with a double mixed quartet from the Branch, "I Am A Child of God". The mixed Quartet sang "We Have A Call."

Monday, April 17, Had home night & went looking at new Vans after Vantage is willing to provide us with a new Van as a benefit for \$250.00 per month.

..... Tuesday, April 18, Richard turned in his letter of Termination at Beneficial Life Ins. He went over to Elder L. Tom Perry's office to talk to him about the move. Elder Perry said when he left Utah years ago he didn't want to go & it was a tearful experience. They always planned a trip back to Utah once a year. About leaving the Branch he told Richard to tell the Stake President and let him make that decision. I had prayed that Brother Perry would say the right things that would help Richard to know what was right to do. I feel better about going & but I'm not sure.

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Richard feels any better. He still can't rectify leaving the Branch. He went over to the Church offices & applied for a job, but they were unable to offer him enough to keep him. Richard had school board meeting Tuesday evening also.

I ran a lot of errands getting things fixed and taking things back to people this week.

Thursday - Bishop Bagley & his wife Barbara took us to dinner at a place called "Two Guys from Italy." It was a nice evening. Richard had to go over to the Branch after for interviews.

Friday April 21st. Cut ~~for~~ hair. I got ready for a picture. Went down to Royal Studios & had a family group picture taken. Then went to Kim Bryan & Tom Miles wedding.

Saturday April 22, Richard picked Perry up at the prison at 7:00. After breakfast Sue took Perry to the eye Dr. her Bishop & shopping.

We had a family party planned at the Branch, but when we went over to check the 7th Branch R. S. was holding a luncheon, so we hurriedly

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Went home and called people. Then hurriedly straightened the house & had the party at our home. We had Alice, Frank, Darl, DeWayne, Chris & their 4 children, Quintette, Doug & Pam, Barbara & Floyd & their 5 children, Mel, Nancy, Melanie, Suzette, Alicia, & their 2 cousins, Grant, Ruth, Kyle & Kent, Viola, Carroll, Jessica, Linda, Raymond, Jammy, Devon, Doris, Debbie & Natalie, Mom Memmott, Mom & Dad Black, Ann, Peter, Sue, Patrice, Annalee, Evan, Shannon, Benjamin, Hugh B. William & the other ^{James} one. Karen, Don, Sharon, Kathryn, Wayne, Melinda, Cythia, Michael & Brent, George, Shawn, Carol, Steven, Ricky, Lynn, & Sharon, ... Henry & Sue ... & the 10 of us ... for a total of (81) They all went together and bought a beautiful hamper ~~as~~ for us. We had two films set up in Alvin & Wesley's room & the kids watched these most of the time.

It was a very enjoyable party. We relaxed for a couple of hours & then got ready to go to Pitt. Nephew.

We took Henry, Sue, Guy, Laura, Alvin & Wesley. We ended up with 2 extra tickets so we invited Sue's mother, who is not a member, & Sister Calena to go with us. It was a very

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enjoyable & sacred production. Everyone was very impressed. Paula Jacobsen & her sister Robin took Pamela & Kimberlee to "Pete's Dragon". Linda & Debbie stayed to tend but Turner's called and wanted Laura to tend so it sent Debbie there & Linda ended up tending Jeffrey & Patrick. Patrick fell asleep just before we left.

After we came back we watched one of the movies "Run Appaloosa, Run" & ate some tacos. At 12:30 Richard ran Linda & Debbie home & took Henry back out to the prison. It was a long day, but a very enjoyable one.

Sunday April 23, Richard visited with President Hutchings about what he should do about leaving the Branch. He is going to get back to Richard.

Our family song "A Happy Family" at the 2nd Ward Primary program.

Monday April 24, Workshop on scrapbooks. In the evening Ann Wheeler & her Emblems family home evening group held their home evening with Vespers. Ann showed some of her slides of New England.

Took Karen home as she was having car trouble.

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Tuesday April 25, More scrapbook and sorting. Went downtown and had lunch at a Japanese restaurant with Richard and Hattie & Letha Sue Clay. We used the money they collected by paying 50¢ each time they were late for work.

Wednesday, More scrapbooks & figuring of money & things that need to be done.

Thursday April 27, The Branch had a farewell party for our family. Mom & Mom & Dad Black and Ann were invited. They had a chicken dinner & a lovely program - Two girls Katy Kelley & Sylvia Willicks sang a song to president Black that Katie had composed. They recorded it and the entire program for us... and gave it to us. Besides putting the words neatly written in a frame. A double mixed quartet sang "Sing A Rainbow" and "May The Good Lord Bless & Keep You". Jim Nova and Linda Prusse wrote a tribute and asked the whole family to come up on the stage while they presented it.

Brother McDougall presented Richard with a plaque. I was given a beautiful pendant watch. The Branch took up donations & gave Richard about \$250.00. He bought 2 new suits with it. It was a very lovely evening.

Friday. Mom invited us to her place for dinner.

Saturday - Richard got quite a lot of the things

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done that needed doing before he went.

Sunday April 30 Richard spent most of the day at the Branch except for the time he came over to the 1st Ward to participate with the Primary on the Sacrament meeting program.

Monday - May, picked out pictures & ordered some for Mother's Day & Henry's wedding. Spent most of the evening until 2:15 in the morning getting Richard ready to go.

Got up Tuesday at 4:45 & got children ready to go. Went to the airport to see Richard off at 7:15 a.m. Came back & got children off & then ran some errands. Went with Laura to m.d.a. to a self-defense lecture. Richard called - no luck on houses. The one on...

Griswold was already sold.

Wednesday - still no luck on houses.

Thursday - May 4, I sang "Hold Thine My Hand in R.S." Richard called & said he had found a nice home, but we would have to sell ours in order to buy it. What a decision to make. There are pros and cons to selling it. It will be a big move.

Friday, Richard made an offer on the home in Glastonbury for \$76,500. Saturday they counter offered with \$77,000 & they keep the washer, dryer & dining set. This is all on the condition that &

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give my approval. He also looked at one in Vernon for \$68,000. He is sending me the information on it. He got the new 1977 Van Friday. He says it is ^{very} nice. The washer broke Monday. Spent time in the Laundromat, Richard's Dad brought one over that he had. Broke pipe & water spilled all over. Had to buy new top fixture. Then discovered the drain was plugged. Rented a snake & it wouldn't work. Tried to run a hose & unplug, but water went up to roof & down into wall. After spending \$11.00 called Rescue Rooter. He came out & got on roof & used a power machine to grind out whatever was plugging it. He also put a quart of Hydrochloric acid in toilet. It released a lot of mineral deposits about 1/2 in thick. The holes that the water comes through to flush the toilet were plugged with deposits. He got most of them unplugged & showed me how to do the rest.

Guy went to Lagoon Friday & Saturday with the scouts. Don & Karen want to buy our meat. Mom & Dad Black want to buy sewing machines.

After hooking the washer back up & more water leaking I discovered the drain hose had broken into. I gave up & went

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to the laundromat.

Sunday May 7, Sunday school they called on Guy to give the prayer. He gave a real good prayer. Alvise bore his testimony in fast & testimony meeting. I'm proud of the children. A fellow came by and offered me \$300.00 for the 69 Chrysler. I took it. He left \$50.00 deposit & will pick up the title tomorrow night. Went to visit ~~that~~ ^{Moore} ~~Moore~~ ^{Moore} was there. Told her

she would most likely have to sell the house. Took her home because she was having car trouble.

Sue Lynch called & said that there is a family in her ward who may be interested in visiting with Henry at the prison. I will call tomorrow.

Friday Donna Snogge took me down to Pybette & bought me \$20 worth of material as a going away present. I spent \$4.00 more and came away with about 30 yds of the most beautiful & nice material.

Jeffrey is sitting up real well now & has been for about 1 month. This last week he started standing by the side of his crib by himself.

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Saturday May 6. worked on trying to clean house -

Monday May 8, Steve Clark who isn't even a member of the Branch but was there at Sac Mtg Sunday called to see if he could help. He came over & tore up the bathroom floor & laid new particle board for me. We spent the evening trying to straighten the house & make it ~~success~~ prepared for workers from the Branch. Jeannie Leffing and her sister Leah came by & visited. Brother Popman brought by another \$22.00 that had been donated - sold the Chrysler got title taken care of... Insurance... appraiser came about damage done by the washer. After the \$50.00 deductible he is going to send us a check for \$403.00. Picked up the paint supplies.

Tuesday May 9, prepared for painting taking off wallpaper & filling cracks with putty. 7 people from the Branch came & we got the bathroom & extra bedroom with the 1st coat of paint on. I got Richard's letter & decided on the Glastonbury home. Guy received his 3rd palm at Court

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of Honor & the ward retired the trophy again.

Wednesday May 10, 1978 Ann Wheeler came over during the day & rolled on the second coat of the extra room. I did the lunch work, prepared girls room for the evening crew. Dennis Percival who has been spearheading the project finished the 2nd coat on the bathroom. We had 12 people come. We finished painting bathroom, 1st coat girls room part of pantry, most of gravel moved front window & eaves painted, most the fences, part of barn, lawns mowed & weeds cut, ... & washer put back together but it still leaks.

Thurs - R.S. took some items back & picked up others needed. In the evening went to appreciation dinner with Sue. Henry sang 4 songs with the group and spoke. It was a very nice evening. Larry Holt is out. Dan & Wilma his home teachers said they would like to come & visit us. One of the speakers said that Joseph Smith had prophesied that some day the prison would be a place of learning. That is being

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fulfilled at the present time.

I volunteered to sing "You Light Up My Life" at Henry & Sue's wedding. She was delighted.

The children stayed at Grandma & Grandpa Black's. We need to take pictures.

Friday May 12, Spent most of the day getting things ready for paint crew. We had about 9 people come.

got the living room & all the bedrooms finished plus part of the pantry & most of the cupboards.

At Pack Mtg Alvin received his Travelers badge and Wesley his wolf...

Saturday May 13, Got most of the painting done. Guy went on the Aaronic Priesthood outing, Laura went swimming with a friend who lives at old farm. Richard sent me a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Anna Wheeler brought me some flowers for Mother's Day.

Sunday May, The children each gave me the little things they had made for me. Laura, Kimberlee & Patrick had speaking parts. Patrick was very anxious to get up to the mike.

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but wouldn't say anything when he got there. I sang with a group "A House Becomes A Home." Came home & rested after feeding the children. Richard called to wish me a happy Mother's Day. We miss him.

We went to the 1st Ward Sac mtg. Then went to visit Mom & Dad Black & Snow Mountain. Diana & Ellen came down to see the house.

Got a special delivery letter from Richard with the \$600.00 check & signature card.

Wilford Warden called about the house. ... John ... sounded like he was saying "Mama". He is trying to walk between things. He fell followed someone out the front door in his walker. Monday I fell out down the stairs.

Monday May 15, Dance program at the school. Pamela, Wesley and Alvin danced with their classes. A cold wind came up right at the end.

Tuesday May 16, 1978 Some more people from the Branch came & helped lay carpet in the storage room, bathroom & extra room. We also got the rest of the staining done. A bunch of stain got

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spilled on the new carpet & we weren't sure we could get it out but after a lot of work & putting lysol & stain spray on it, it finally came out. We got all the odds & ends finished up.

Wednesday. Laura went over to school to collect tickets for me at the Mother Daughter party. Donna Inouye & Debbie Diamond came over & helped me with housework. The kids worked on their rooms.

Thursday May 18, cleaned up house & yard all day. Call & phoned an odd. Friday Tom Mulcock came & appraised the home. Put on a shower at Patsy Baldwin's for Sue. Marvise Craven took me up. I met ^{Marvise's} mother. Also Sue's mother & sister & some of the people from the ward. It was a nice evening. Guy stayed over at Shawn's so he could go to a ball game & golfing. Sat with Shawn & George. Carol & Kathryn stayed with Laura. Saturday Donna Inouye, Paula Jacobson, Terry & Elise Hall took the children to Lagoon. I was alone with the baby and it

guess I started getting homesick. John
Pittman of Century 21 saw my ad & called.
I decided to list the home with him.

Sunday May 21. Church & had visiting teachers
from the Branch. Pete called & was concerned
about us selling our home. I put him on
the exempt list just in case we can figure
something out to keep the home. I was
very discouraged & confused.

Monday morning I called Richard & talked
with him about my concerns. He is
coming home Wed. evening. In the
evening we went to the park with Alice &
Frank, Mel & Mary, Viola & Carroll & Mom.
Put on a little play that they wrote
about David & Goliath.

Tuesday the 23rd. Repaired clothes most
of the day. Jeffrey was very cross.

Wed the 24th. Richard came
home at 9:03 p.m. We all went out
to get him. Glad to have him home.

Thurs. Richard took the children on errands
while I went to Relief Society. He spoke
at Central Jr. High Graduation. After we
went with Pete, Sue, Evan, Sister Sachs, Mom
& Dad Black to Brattens to eat.

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Friday 26th - Richard spoke at Cottonwood High Graduation. Karen & Don had a barbecue & then the kids played there while we went to the Graduation. Cottonwood is a beautiful building.

Sat 27th - Went out with ^{the} family to Mc Donalds for breakfast. Did assorted odd jobs & got ready for Henry's wedding. The wedding was nice as civil weddings go. I sang "You Light Up My Life" after the ceremony. I made up a third verse & sang to them. It goes "Now we are one, Our love is eternal. We'll find the way to make things work right. God is with us. We'll call on him daily."

For His love will guide & show us the way

Now He'll light up our lives,
He'll give us hope to carry on.
He'll light up our day & fill our
nights with song.

It can't be wrong when it feels so
right.

Cause you ^{you} light up my life.

Richard had a girl who wanted to visit with him so I took Jeffery & Patrick

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and went over with him. I hope we are not making a mistake. Richard seems very upset at ~~to~~ leaving. It is strange because even though I have been discouraged & doubtful, everytime I take the problem to the Lord I have felt a peaceful feeling that everything will be alright.

Sunday May 28, Jeffery's first tooth. Richard & Jane Henry had Sue's wonderful blessing. I was very happy because I had invited her mother to come but wasn't sure whether she would come.

Richard was released in Branch Sacrament meeting. The Branch is now a ward and the new Bishop is Harold Gunn, a former resident of New England for the past 25 years. He seems to be a very good man. Guy & Laura Richard & I spoke from our family. Brother Payman & Ma Dougal remained as counselors & spoke. The Stake Presidency also spoke. I felt better after it was over. Richard was able to come home right after church & met with the new Bishop later in the evening. Don & Karen

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Came & visited for a while.

Monday May 29. Got things prepared for Richard to leave. Took him to the airport. Patrick wanted to get on the big airplane with his Daddy Jeffrey wanted to be held by his daddy. Pamela & Kimberlee became interested in a lady who was embroidering & Kimberlee was more interested in that than seeing her Dad off. Came home, purchased more luggage & cleaned house. Wayne stayed with us while Laura stayed at their house.

Still no response from the ad on the house. The agent came by to show me the ad that is in the Tribune.

When Karen tended the children Friday evening Karen nursed ^{Jeffrey} he cuddled up & did just fine until she spoke, then he wouldn't have a thing to do with her after that.

May 30 Tuesday at the Laundromat Laura stayed Mon & Tue night with Kathryn - Wayne stayed with us. Got hinges on Van fixed \$50.00

May 31 Wed. Got van taken to Junex - It still gives out black smoke.

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June 1st Thurs. Alvin spent a lot of time labeling & pricing items. The ad in Magic Ads came out & we were kept very busy. About 20 Century 21 Agents came through the house. I took Guy down to get the cameras. Stopped and got him a tetanus shot because he stepped on a rusty nail yesterday. Also took magic mill in.

2nd Friday more of the same results on the ad. Laura, Alvin & Guy took Guy's camera back down because it wasn't working. She went on the bus Laura had Orthodontist appointment.

3rd Saturday - We have really sold a lot of items especially the larger ones. The ad is running two more weeks. I went with Bonnie & Craig Poxman to the Saturday night session of Stake Conference. They took me to Dan's for an ice cream cone afterward. Mom stayed over night.

4th Sunday - Stake Conference. I felt impressed that we should pay something toward the Jordan River temple so I am taking \$100.00 of the proceeds from selling items and giving to the Bishop this afternoon. I hope this meets with Richard's approval. I feel we need the blessings that have been promised by President Kimball. We lowered the price on our home for this week only.

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from \$65,000 to \$59,900. If it doesn't sell by Friday the price will go back up. If Richard is unable to obtain interim financing in order to get the loan we will try to rent instead of buying. If he is unable to rent ~~he~~ will come back to Salt Lake. I kind of feel that that is probably the answer to rent instead of buying. If we are to sell the home I feel we will receive an offer this week. I called Sue's mother Vida Lynch and invited her to go to Temple Square with us this afternoon after church. She was busy getting ready for a trip this week.

..... We went down to Temple Square to see the new Visitor Center. It was fun and very interesting. Mom came down to stay for the evening.

5th Monday - Spent time at the Laundromat. In the evening went to the prison for the last time. Sue & the Cravens were there. Richard called this morning. He said he spoke in church yesterday.

Spent the week packing. Had a lot of people in and out all week both relatives & people on the rd. Ucala & her children, Alice, Don & Karen, & Payson's children that Laura was tending.

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7th Wednesday night went up to visit with the Bishop about donating for the Temple.
 8th Thursday I sang "Love One Another" at Stake Leadership Meeting. We haven't had any people come through our house. We have decided to look for a place to rent & rent our home out here.

I have sold a lot of items.

11th Sunday in Sunday School Alvin gave a good talk & Wesley gave a good prayer. Tammy stayed over night with us. After church we are going down to Ula's & Caroll's for dinner. Pamela & Kimberlee wanted to stay overnight. I talked them into staying. Coming home & going back down Wed. Called June from Ula's

12th Monday - Laundromat - and took kids to library - while they were there took a baby present to Paiman & Mc Dougall. Sister Mc Dougall gave me a picture of Patrie taken at Lagoon last year when the branch went West over to Mom & Dad Blacks for Home night with all the family. We waffles. Before we went listened to the tape Richard sent. Shawn & Carol stayed here overnight. Alvin & Wesley stayed there.

Mother with Mom
 She went to Ula's

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13th Tuesday - Took Shawn & Carol home
& got Alvin & Wesley - Shawn wanted to
come back if he found his own way
home. Talked the kids into going &
swimming at 1:00 - Afterwards they
all went to Grandma Blacks & all
& then Carol suddenly remembered that
she had a baby sitting job & came
over to get me to take her home &
took her to the baby sitting job &
so I went past the house & the car
was in the yard - When I got back
home Shawn & the rest of the kids
were there & he acted like I should
take them home... I just went...
about doing what needed to be done
to get ready to go with Sister Coleman.
He knew we were going & I was
a little perturbed that they had even
gone to one place because they
knew we had somewhere else to go.
Sister Coleman took our family out
to McDonald's & fed us dinner. We
had a nice visit. Got home & Laura
& Guy went to visit a Stanford account called
to remind us that there was a court
of Honor. I sent Pamela up to get
Guy & got ready quickly & went

Parties with Mom
She went to get
with Guy & Pamela

over long enough for the roll call. Came home to be here when Albert & Wesley came back from watering & to be there when Richard called as he had called his mom earlier when I wasn't home & left a message for me to be home at 9:00 since he was going to call. He called with the message that the bank had approved the loan. The next morning we found out that it was subject to our home in Salt Lake selling so he will be able to get the \$5,000.00 back since our home has been listed 3 1/2 weeks & not one soul has come through to even look.

Alice & Frank came in with a cover for Carroll's carpet cleaning machine. Pam & Douglas had brought the machine in earlier.

I saw a couple of fellows rummaging around in one of the dumpsters west of us. I called the fireman & then I went to watch the fellows. They carried several sheets of particle board out of the dumpster & headed west. I ran upstairs to get a better view. When they got into my

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view again they didn't have anything in their arms. They crossed the fence into a yard next to Heller's & left. It took ~~the~~ ~~the~~ a walk over & they had left the particle board in the west carport of the nest building. The next night we walked over & nothing was on the carport.

14th Wed. Primary & the kids went with Viola & Carroll home all except Alvin, Patrick & Jeffery. We got quite a lot of packing done. We went down & got 3 loads of boxes and packed quite a lot of them. Thurs. night Alvin took us out to Dams for an ice cream.

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her deposit

16th Friday Alvin got up & started straightening the house. He was a really a lot of help while the kids were gone. The kids came back & the noise began again. We packed quite a bit & sold some items. Got a couple of calls about the home being for rent. One couple came by to look but didn't seem too interested. Made a tape to send Richard.

Laura's camera still doesn't work right.

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Pamela, Kimberley & Patricia Sunday school teachers took them to the park for their picnic.

Saturday June 17, Went with the Black family to Antelope Island for Breakfast. This was a lot of fun. I couldn't find my keys. I so we divided up camp. I rode with others. In the afternoon we took the sand path at Pine Mountain. That was lots of fun. When we got home Richard called today. He had made an offer on a house in Moultrie that needed some electrical plumbing & carpet. We called. Billed. But others... day. Monday after Land's Library, etc. spent some time at Gordon & Sandra Black's visiting with Beverly who was in town. And other members of the family. Richard called & wanted me to fly back to look at the house before I find say. I made arrangements for the children & spent Tuesday getting ready. Guy & Jeffrey went with me. We left early Wed and caught flight 220 at 7:10 a.m. on United. Jeffrey was a pretty good boy. After the I

got them. Drove right to the home in
Burlington. It was very nice
but it would need lots of work
and quite a bit of money. We decided
against it & would look for a
home that would be sufficient for
around \$20,000 or \$25,000. Richard
drove us around & showed us around
town. Met Sister Ludwig & the
niece. Sister Ludwig has a
very interesting home. Lots of pretty
furniture. Dog named Skipper.
Knows when she is coming. When
she comes in the driveway. Remember
the time when they come.
Thursday June 22, spent the day
with Martha Zawacki. Looked at 4
homes. 2 of them were not worth
what they were asking. The other two
had possibilities. Stayed with Martha
dropped her & I off to pick her
& she went back to Glenview &
did some things & then brought Richard
back to look at the 2 homes. He really
didn't feel right about them so we
never looked when we started.
While talking to Martha I asked her
which church she belonged to. She

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replied "Catholic". She then asked me and sat upon finding out H. was L.C. began inquiring & I said she would be interested in knowing more. I told her I would be interested in talking her more, the occasion to talk about it didn't arise again that day.

When she came over and I called about homes for a good solid house when they started talking us around. The first home was in East Hartford just on the border between East Hartford & the Academy. It was 2 miles from Richard's work so we called & she (raised ranch) came right over. It is a nice home. I don't know anything major done. Aluminum siding on 5 rooms to be used for bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, family room, laundry room with toilet & another nice bathroom. We made an offer of \$57,000. It was accepted with a few changes on appliances & drapes. I gave Martha 2 pamphlets. She had read them and seemed very interested & asked us a lot of questions. Saturday I gave her 4 more pamphlets. I am going to line up the missionaries when

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we finally get settled. We drove around
to Flag & sales ~~at~~ part of the day
at 4:45 I left on flight 489 United
for Salt Lake. Jiffy was very good.
I deposited 11 pamphlets in
gives a few notes. I heard me &
I heard of brought the kids out to
meet me. A lot of turbulence
in the air on the way back. There
were a lot of thunder storms.

Sunday Bishop Jones ^{see} during M.C.G.
that we were moving this week.

Monday & Tues spent packing & getting
ready. Got a call from movers saying
they... could... come. Wednesday. Wednesday.
I was down to Laundromat. Laura called
and said the movers were there. Mom
tended the children in the morning &
quite a bit of the week which really
helped. Got back from Laundromat &
finished packing those things that I could
spend the night at Karen's. Viola &
Carroll came & cleaned carpets.
Judy decided she wanted to rent the
home after all. \$300.00 per month
for a year lease. They pay the water
bill.

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Thurs June 29, Spent the morning running errands. Was very tired in the afternoon so did telephoning & light items. Went to dinner at Mom & Dad Blacks. Went home at 7:00 had visiting teachers from the Branch, Mischon Robinson & a new girl. Afterwards went to the ward to see Bishop Jones about temple recommend. Went to airport to get Richard. He arrived about 15 mins early so just as we got there. Stopped at Bishop Jones new home for Richard to get temple recommend. Stopped at stake house to get Pres. Musch to sign them. Slept at Don and Karen's as we did last night.

Friday June 30 got up early - Went into house and began work. Ann Wheeler came by and helped. Ate lunch at Mom's. She tended the little ones in the morning. About 2:00 Karen and Don took the 5 youngest children. I was so tired that I couldn't control myself. Karen called a little later and could tell something was wrong. Shortly after he and Don came in to help. Ann Black and Benjamin came also. Chris Bott came to see if she could help so I gave her about 5 errands to run including the washing of

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clothes at the laundromat. Elt took her nearly 3 hrs and surely helped me a great deal. Jean Burks, Ann Wheeler, Chris Bott, Linda Cresswell & another girl came with dinner fixins. Elt was very good. June and Gene stopped by and helped some too. Pat and Gary Barnett stopped to talk as had Val Zimmwalt. They both said we had been good neighbors which really surprised me as I haven't done much at all but be friendly or take baked goods to them. We also went Christmas Caroling to them.

We spent the evening bathing & getting kid ready at Karen & Don's. After retiring I very late arose at 5:00 Saturday July 1 to ready ourselves and go to the airport. We had 22 pieces of luggage that we checked in plus 8 pieces of carry on. Flight 220 United Airlines at 7:10 a.m. We boarded before Mom & Dad Black & Pete's family arrived. We just got to wave at them.

The children really enjoyed themselves. Pamela was watching the "No Smoking" and "Foster Lect Belts" signs. The ~~foster se~~ "No Smoking Sign" went off.

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and she said "We still can't unfasten our seat belts but we can smoke." I sat next to a lady from SLCC who had lived there 9 years. She was a very nice lady and very Christian. When I mentioned that Church the level of conversation increased greatly. Toward the end of the ~~conversation~~ trip I asked her how come she had never become a member of the church. She replied "Give me time." On the second leg of the flight I sat next to a fellow who was Jewish. He didn't seem to want to talk about religion so we didn't. We sat in the plane at the Chicago runway about 45 minutes waiting for clearance.

The porter at Bradley Field after 3 trips on a small cart asked if that was all. When I said "yes" he replied "Are you sure you remembered the kitchen sink."

Went to Sister Lindquist and unloaded. Picked up Guy & checked in at hotel. Got something to eat & showed children the house. Got children bathed.

Sunday July 2, Went to The new ward (Manchester) for the 1st time with family. Some of the children were very shy.

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Had priesthood, then SS. Then testimony meeting. It was a long stretch, but we survived. Sister Ljungquist invited us and the Elders for dinner. The children played in playground at the Hotel.

Monday July 3, We went to Ocean Beach State Park. Was fun but we were unprepared with no blanket, cutoffs & it was also a little chilly so we left early. While the children watched T.V. Richard & I did the laundry. We went to the Hollingsworths for dinner & home night. We really had an enjoyable evening. They come from Great Falls, Montana. He was a Bishop and they feel about the same as us that they are supposed to be here in Connecticut but are not quite sure why.

Tuesday July 4 was a very wet cold day. Went swimming at the Hotel pool. Watched T.V., played games. In the afternoon drove to Glastonbury to Richard's work. While Richard played sidewalk tennis with the older children I took the younger ones for a walk through the cemetery and Fox Run Mall.

Wed. July 5, took Richard back to work & got children Breakfast &

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lunch. Met Richard & went to the home for the movers to unload furniture. The people let us store things in a couple of their bedrooms. We took the desks over to Sister Lindquist's garage. Took the children to M&A.

Thurs July 6, Cooked pizza at Sister Lindquist's. Poor pizza, took a long time & uncomfortable. It cost almost as much as going out to eat would have. Primary got walker back from Lindquist. Met a woman from Long Island, N.Y. at the swimming pool.

Friday July 7, It was nearly noon before I got the children's breakfast so we went back to the hotel & put the little ones down for a nap. After work we went to a tag sale & purchased 30 matching china plates for \$15 and 30 place settings of silverware for \$15 & 2 boxes of children's clothing for \$9.00. Helped Richard put together certificates for tomorrow.

Sat July 8, Arose early & went to breakfast at Mc Donalds. Then drove to Bloomfield High School for the Stake Family Field Day. Then went to the pizza place on Main Street East Hartford. Everyone seems to look in amazement at the number of

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children we have. Came back to hotel & relaxed.

Sunday July 9. Practiced with singing sisters & sang with them in Sac Mtg. "The Morning Breaks The Shadows Glee" Between S.S. and Sac Mtg since we had no invite for dinner we went to Mr. Steak. Again everyone looked in awe and amazement at the family. Several commented at how well behaved the children were.

Mon July 10. We spent home night at Bishop Watkiss.

Tues July 11. Got Richard from work early so he could eat & catch plane to Jackson, Mississippi. While there we he went to dinner with Mr & Mrs Ted Thiel. They were in Salt Lake last Sept & she has read some of the Book of Mormon. They were very interested and wanted Richard to be sure & send them some more information about the church.

Wed after breakfast we drove over to the schools that the children will be going to. K-5 and 8th will go to Hokenum. Laura wasn't too happy but she will adjust. The principal said he had been to

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Utah once. They will be going to Penney High School. 5 will be at one school. Took the children to M&A.

Thurs. Pamela's birthday. Went out to Sister ^{mae} Moes in Andover. She really had a nice day planned for us. I came for the children. ~~Broth~~ She served us lunch.

Beth Bain a neighbor girl 12 yrs old was there & played with the kids. Had a lovely visit with Sister Moes. Brother Boice called me at the hotel before we left & invited us to stay in their home for 2 weeks while they are on vacation. They live in Coventry.

I called Sis Boice from Moes.

& Richard came back about 10:00 & had to go pick him up at the ~~Amada~~ Holiday Inn downtown. I took Laura, Jeffrey, Kim & Pam. As we weren't dressed too fancy I suggested we sneak out the back door as it was closer to where the car was parked. When we got to the main floor & started out the back door we were suddenly in the middle of a huge reception in the foyer.

Friday July 15, Sister Marion Coombs invited us to come spend the day with her in Manchester. I washed the laundry & hung it out although it was an overcast day & didn't finish drying. She fed us both lunch & after I picked Richard up dinner. The older children & her daughter went swimming at the town pond. After dinner we drove to Coventry to Ray and Joyce Boie where they showed us their home & gave us the key. It is about 23 miles from Hartford but is very lovely & quiet.

~~Saturday~~

On the way out of the hotel this morning the lady across the hall, an older lady, complimented me on the children's good behavior.

Saturday July 15, Richard took older children swimming. Went to Sister Lindquist's for breakfast. Then packed up & checked out of Hotel. We had been in 529 and 531 of the Ramada Inn in East Hartford. It was very nice with the exception of room & difficult food arrangements.

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The bill came to \$730.00 which was billed directly to Vantage.

Received & closing utility bills & a letter from Mom & Anne Wheeler.

Drove to Boices and unpacked. Went to the Primary birthday party at the church. Alvin & Wesley were in a puppet show. All the primary children sang. Games, food, & fun. Alvin ran in a sack race with Learon Hollingsworth. They did very well. The only ones better were Brother Hollingsworth & Brother Price.

After shopping & getting dinner & bathing children I watched the show "In the matter of Karen Quinlan". It was very interesting.

Richard & 2nd older kids played pool & air hockey & other games downstairs. Younger children are completely fascinated by all the toys in the little kids' bedroom.

The Boice's have a collie dog named Miss B. and 3 cats, Walter, Mand & Clump. Miss B. wouldn't go to the garage a night she wanted to shake hands with me. Finally the thought occurred to me to give her a treat for shaking hand.

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so I found a piece of brownie & led her to the garage. It worked.

During this week² at the Boies I have been able to write a letter to send to friends & relatives about the beginning of the new chapter of our lives here in Connecticut. We have close to 70 people to send a copy to.

Judy called to say that the upstairs plumbing was leaking down through the closet. We called Grant & asked him to take care of it. Viola called to say that they were interested in buying the Van on Contract as we had offered them since we have been unable to sell it for cash. We will sell it to them for \$100.00 per month for 24 months.

Tuesday Richard had a stake meeting. He was asked to tell something about himself & previous church callings. After he sat down the member of the stake presidency who was there said, "Enjoy your vacation in the activities committee Brother Black: It won't last." I'm sure he will receive a place to serve wherever the Lord wants him.

~~Thursday~~ Wednesday we were invited to Ervin & Ethel Laake's home for dinner. They live in Ellington & have a nice place with animals & a lovely garden. We enjoyed a lovely meal & conversation. They

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Had to rise at 7:30 this morning to travel from Boice's in Coventry to Manchester to Church. While Guy and Richard went to priesthood Laura watched Jeffrey. Pamela, Kimberlee & Patrick went to nursery while I went to R.S.

& song practice. Kimberlee was supposed to give a talk but got very unhappy and wouldn't give it. I had to stay in opening exercises with her and Patrick.

I learned a new concept in Sunday School Class about a spiritual New Jerusalem being the city of Enoch. Being in a home versus the hotel has its advantages as well as disadvantage. Food and space are much easier.

Distance, animals and stairs with Jeffrey are disadvantages. Today it seems whenever I have said something someone has taken offense. Sometimes I feel it would be much better not to talk.

Sacrament meeting was good. The idea of turning in referral slips on our friends was presented. A brother Morgan told how his son who was on a mission turned in a referral slip on him & through

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that he became a member just this last April. I can think of the Ted & Shields in Mississippi that Richard met ^{with} this last week who were so interested.

Martha Zawacki, Sarah, the lady I met at the hotel, even the principal of the new school that the children will be attending. These people need to have the referral cards filled out & sent in.

after dinner we read from Moroni for a short while. A thought came back to me from my conversation with Sister Moe earlier in the week. She stated that she had belonged to the Presbyterian Church and that she progressed and was satisfied with that church up to a certain point. She then became dissatisfied as there was no more truth and no more progression. I guess other churches do provide some good up to a certain point.

Richard thanked me for all I do. This really made me feel much better. I'll certainly be glad to get settled in a home once more that we can call our home.

Gary and Pat Barrett & Val Lundgren Zimwalt need to have a referral card filled out on them also. Page 366

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have 2 children of their own. A son who just recently married Brother & Sister Moes daughter. A daughter Tina who is 20 and 2 foster children Wendy¹⁷ and Sandy¹⁴. They have taken foster children for many years and keep them as long as they wish to stay unless they have problems that can't be worked out.

Friday we went out to eat dinner at Mr. Steak and went grocery shopping.

Sat went up to Holyoak & visited with Eva and her family. Spent most of the time helping her prepare dinner of corn on cob, tomatoes, cabbage, cukes - squash & vinegar & honey water. Things have certainly deteriorated ~~at~~ as far as the standards are concerned ^{with} Eva. It is sad.

Went looking at a few tag sales but children were tired & hot so went home. The heat has been terrible for most of the week and Sunday it was almost unbearable. Church was the only cool place. While we were in Holyoak Saturday Richard purchased a fan which was indeed a blessing. Sunday night a small storm came through but it really cooled the temperature down. By running the fan at an

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open window most of the day Monday it cooled the house down. The basement was warmer than the upstairs.

For home evening the children put on crazy skits about T.V. commercials. Making fun of them. Watched Miss Universe pageant after eating malts.

Tuesday wrote an account of our association with Henry and Sue. Am going to refine it & send them a copy and also take a copy to Henry's parents when we visit them.

Wed July 26, Took Guy and Laura to MDA and ran errands. Thursday everyone arose early & we went to work with Richard. Laura had an orthodontist appointment with Dr. Benson Monastensky 800 Silver Lane East Hartford. We ran some errands, washed the Van & misc items. We also had

~~Friday July 27~~, the closing on the home at the bank at 12:00 noon. Martha Zarwacki gave us a very nice name plate for our door.

Friday July 28, I stayed at home until after Richard's work since the Piazzas did not get out sooner. He came home to get us and we went back dropping Pamela, Kimberlee, Patrick & Jeffrey off at Pat

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Hollingsworths. The Piazzi's didn't get out until about 8:00 p.m. By then it was so dark & we had no light so all we got accomplished was to decide which rooms people got. Went back to Boice's & slept then arose early & straightened their home. Dropped the little children off at Pat Hollingsworth's again and went down to the house & began cleaning & moving things from Sister Lindquist's. Brother Ed Western our new neighbor who is LDS came over & helped Richard move the heavy items. We mainly got Bedrooms & kitchen cleaned & still had a lot left to do. Pat Hollingsworth brought the children down in the afternoon & she brought dinner for us. Sunday, July 30, 1978. After Sunday School we went over to Western for lunch and got better acquainted. They live just 5 houses away. After Church even though it was Sunday we went looking at a sale for a bed since most of us are sleeping on the floor. We also went up to the Bishops (Waltons) and got the bed they gave us.

Monday July 31, Kim's birthday but we were so busy with the house we forgot to do anything. In the evening we went to Bro & Sister Price's for home evening & dinner. Enjoyed it very much.

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Spent most of the week putting things
 away. Wed evening Sheryl Western took
 Guy & Laura, to Mola. We celebrated
 both Wesley's & Kim's birthday with an ice
 cream cake. Taylors brought us by some
 vegetables from their garden. Martha
 Zawacki brought by a can of candy &
 a push broom for us and visited with
 us for a while. We then went to Dick
 and Jean Connell's home to pick up a
 kitchen table & 3 chairs that they gave us.
 As the dryer is not yet hooked up I
 have spent a lot of time at the laundromat.

Friday spent part of the day looking
 for tag sales but since it rained a good
 part of the day we weren't too successful.
 In the evening Richard took me to Ed at
 the Market Place in Glastonbury. Met the
 Elders (Peter & Hal). They were celebrating
 Elder Peter's 6 month mark for one of them.

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Sat spent a good part of the day
 chasing tag sales. We found a double
 bed for \$35.00 which Alvin & Patrick will
 be using. We still need a bed for Laura
 & one for Richard & I. There is still
 much to do in order to be settled.

Sunday Aug 6, I gave a talk in R.S.
 about our experiences with Henry Thomas.

Sat Aug 5, Connie & Eric were sealed ~~in the Temp~~ to each
 other & had their children sealed.

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Was asked by Sister Edwards to substitute for Kimberlee's class until a permanent teacher is called. Patrick fell & hurt his head but seems to be okay now. Jeffrey is now climbing on everything he can. I caught him just as he was about to go over the stair railing so I moved the end table he had climbed on. A little later Laura caught him just as he was about to pull a large mirror over on himself. I hope he survives.

Took Richard to the airport where he caught the airplane to Dubuque, Iowa. He will be gone all week. There was a huge traffic jam on the freeway coming back. Mailed a whole bunch more of the letters that we made up. I was very sleepy tonight.

Monday spent most of the day trying to get settled, Len to laundromat & had home evening.

Tuesday - the sun is shining today. Had a huge amount of garbage for the garbage men again this week. Went to J. M. Licks. Huge crowds of people & long lines. Gave up & came home.

Wed - took thing to J. M. Licks - put clothes on lay-away - Thurs - took Laura & Wesley & also put some pants away for Alvin, Pam & Kim.

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During this week we got bookcases made, garden weeded, ^{reported} things put away. There is still some things to do. Thursday night I was sitting in the hall after the children had gone to bed. I heard a noise north of the house & the chain link fence rattle. I jumped up & ran to Laura's window just in time to see 3 boys leaving our yard & run down the street. I yelled at them in a deep voice. In the morning we discovered that they had run through the badminton set & knocked it down in their haste.

Friday, Richard came back. I got acquainted with a few of my neighbors just before he came. Received a letter from Sis. Derrick & Cora ^{Hayle}.

Saturday August 12 it was raining. We had originally planned to visit with Henry's parents but they didn't seem to want anything to do with us so we thought we might go to Boston but with the rain we changed our minds. I called Pat Hollingsworth & she told us about Mystic Aquarium so we went there. It cost \$18.00 for a years membership which was 75¢ cheaper than if we had paid for all of us to get in for one day.

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Sunday Aug 13, Richard had a meeting at the Stake house during S.S. I had a lesson to give in Jr S.S. I promised to take Kimberlee's class until a permanent teacher was found. Pat Hollingsworth tended Jeffrey. Just before S.S. started the Bishop caught me. He said he had talked with Richard and received his support that I be called as 2nd counselor in the primary presidency. I surely hope I can be able to handle it as well as the needs of my family. After Sacrament meeting the new Presidency were set apart the president is Lois Ucello, Her husband is a non-member who is having the missionary discussions. The 1st counselor is Diane Knox. Her husband's name is Tom. The Bishop set me apart & gave me a wonderful blessing. He said that I had great abilities that had ~~not~~ only begun to be used & that I would be able to see great growth & be able to take care of this position & the needs of my family as well.

Our family put on the program in Sac. Mtg. Patrick, Kim & Pam spelled out the word SERVICE and said something about each letter.

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Then Laura spoke about benefits of service in genealogy. The whole family sang "I Have Two Little Hands" and "I Think when I Read That Sweet Story of Old". Alvin talked about ~~the~~ things that we as a family have done that have been of service to others. Wesley talked about acts of service others have given us. I sang "Love One Another". Guy spoke about benefits of service. I then spoke about 3 areas of service. Service in the home, the experience with Victor & also Henry. We all sang "I am a child of God" and then Richard spoke for the balance of the time which wasn't very much. After church Laura & Guy had a meeting with the Bishop in relation to the trip to Washington D.C. ~~to~~ Thursday to do baptisms for the dead.

Wed Aug 16 Kids went to MIA

I went to 1st Primary planning meeting at ward house at same time. Bought 12 speed bikes for Laura

Thursday ^{Aug 17} took Guy & Laura over to the ward house at 5:00 to catch the bus to the Washington D.C. temple to do baptisms for the dead. They didn't make it back until 1:30 Friday morning. They

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each did 15 baptisms.

Friday Aug 18. Went to Peter Hamm's home for a High Priest party. The family was invited. We all enjoyed ourselves very much.

Sat Aug 19, Stake Day. I had primary meeting in the morning & Richard MIA meeting in the afternoon.

Sunday Aug 20, Laura taught S.S. lesson for course 4 for me. I typed and ran off the 2nd newsletter to send.

Monday Aug 21, Richard left at 7:00 a.m. for Springfield, Ill. & then on to Southington, Michigan. He was able to visit with Beverly and Jerry while there.

Tuesday Aug 22. Laura went to girls camp and enjoyed herself until Saturday. Sister Coombes gave each one of the girls a T-shirt with their names on.

The kids went "crewing" for the 1st time. Brother Barwood and his son Andy came home teaching. I asked if he had a ~~plane~~ truck to move a piano. He got a truck & moved the piano we brought from Sister Bains' mother.

Aug 23, MIA, Alvin & Wesley crewing. I took younger children to church while I had primary meeting.

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Thurs Crewing - Richard came back from his trip.

Friday Aug 25, mailed newsletters,

Sat 26th. Richard helped hang pictures & move furniture. Cleaned house.

Sun 27th. I taught course #. Singing Sisters sang in Soc. Mtg. M&A. Fireside

Mon 28th. Picked up the sisters & brought them back to our home. We had a home evening with Bob and Bonnie Denamore and their son Noel. They have two other children but they were at their grandmother's.

I went V.T. with Aida Bellrose to visit Linda Link... I also registered Laura, Alvin, Wesley, Pamela & Kimberlee.

Tuesday 29. Guy, Laura, Alvin, Wesley, Pamela ~~then~~ went Crewing. Richard and I and the other kids went over to Shanes Furniture & bought the last bed (a king size for \$225.00. It surely seemed nice to have a bed after sleeping on the floor for a month.

~~Got~~ Got Guy's schedule & bus pass.

Wed. Cleaned car. visited with neighbors - prepared for primary somewhat. Primary mtg & M&A.

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Thurs - Richard & I went home teaching - 5 oldest kids
cruising - came back & Guy went with Richard
to the last place home teaching.

Friday September 1, ~~last~~ Youth dance Guy
went to.

Sat 2. Went with Hollingsworth's to Norwich
and the Mohican park. Swimming, animals a
fun relaxing place. Sunday had a good
testimony meeting. We discussed that we
have felt a greater need of renewing our
spirituality on Sunday sort of like
recharging batteries.

Monday Sept 4, Went to the Manchester
ward picnic at Wickham park. It was
a very enjoyable day. Several of the investigator
families come. There seems to be a
good spirit in the ward. Not any "cliques".

Tuesday ^{Sept 5} finished getting kids ready for
school. Took Richard to airport by 11.00
He flew to Sioux Falls, So Dakota again.

~~Tues~~ ^{Wed} Sept 6 School started Laura is
taking English, Algebra, Soc Studies, Science
Gym ^{Art} - Music, Home Ec. Art. Spanish
Directed Activities. Home Room 10 Miss Yott
Alvin Mrs Fletcher Wesley Miss Maynard
Pamela Mrs Wyrning. Kimbelle Mrs Fitzpatrick

Thurs. Richard came back.

Friday - made copies of Primary
things.

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Sat. I was ill. Laid in bed most of the day. Laura & Alvin went to tag sales in the neighborhood Richard & Guy went to Super Saturday for Seminary. Then to flip Sister Weatherford's plumbing - Mom & Dad Black called.

Sunday - I was ill - Stay home all day - Laura & Guy were called & set apart by ~~Richard~~ Bishop Walton as Pre-primary workers. Guy was called as Counselor to the Teachers Quorum.

Tues Sept 12 - Guy, Laura, Alvin, & Wesley went to a pizza party they earned... "crewing" for the Manchester Evening Herald. We moved a load of desks from Sister Lindquist's. Laura listened to records of Spanish.

Wed the 13 Laura orthodontist - MDA Primary presidencies mtg - Richard met with Bishop

Thurs 14 picked up saw - home teaching 1st day of primary.

Fri day Guy had basketball clinic picked up canots - worked on desks.

Sat - 16 - got carpet with Bro Hallingsworth Richard had stake mtg, Women's Fireside at church at 9:00 called Martha she was busy but said not to forget her.

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Sunday 17. Ward conference - good meetings
Richard met with Bro^{Pres} Colson & met
with Pres McKinley. Richard met with
Young Adults after Sac Mtg

Monday 18. Home Evening with Elder
Peter & Hales & Rose Grenarion

Tuesday 19. Baptism at Ward at 7:00
Richard baptized Bob & Bonnie Densmore
& confirmed them. He stood in the circle
for Rose Grenarion & also Brother
Uedde was baptized that night also.
It was a beautiful baptismal service. They
showed a filmstrip about the Washington
DC Temple

..... Wed. 20... Richard went to Boston - M & A
& Primary mtg.

Thurs - 21. Primary. Richard helped
Sister Weathersford move a refrigerator.

Friday 22. I baked 20 loaves of carrot
bread & 2 large loaves of wheat bread. Had
home teachers & Richard had to go back to
work.

Saturday - 23 Sept. Arose early so we
could meet at the Churchhouse at 7:00.
Traveled with the Elders & some of the
new converts to Sharon, Vermont to the
Joseph Smith Memorial. We saw the
rock foundation for the cellar of

the Solomon Mack & Daniel Mack homes. It was a beautiful fall day very quiet & peaceful & there was a feeling of sacredness there. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Richard had to come back to go to work again. He took Wesley with.

Sunday 24th. Early morning Seminary because of fast day. Had a lovely fast & testimony meeting. It is difficult to be able to hear your testimony as so many others wish to.

Monday 25th took Richard to the airport. He flew to San Francisco California for the week. He will be in S.F. for general conference & then go back to San Francisco for a day. I took the children shopping for Patrick's birthday present & we celebrated it 2 days early.

Tuesday 26th - The school principal called & Alvin & Wesley have both been recommended for the gifted student program & the talent mountain science program. I have a meeting Friday for it. Wesley is going

to learn French horn & Alvin hopefully the cello again. Laura is staying after school each night for gymnastics & cross-country. She is also on the student-body committee for the 8th grade. I went in the evening to the ~~the~~ ward house to the Relief Society opening social for a dinner & program. It was a takeoff of "Fiddler on the Roof." I sang with the Chorus as well as a duet "Home maker" with Kristin Price. It was very enjoyable. Sorry Richard wasn't able to be here to enjoy it with me.

Wednesday the 27th. Went visiting teaching with Sarah Novosetty to Linda Fink. After Sarah took me to see the house her daughter is taking care of. We then went to Sarah's home to visit & have lunch. Sarah dropped Kimberlee off to school & took me home.

The school nurse called & I was interested in the information about the children's shots & examinations. Went to the bread store, & grocery store. Took Laura & Guy to MHA, as sister Western was going up to see her husband who was operated on today. Met with Diane Knox as Lois Uccello's daughter had just

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came home after an appendectomy.

Went through the MCA's tag sale items. The cultural hall was nearly filled.

Thursday 28th - Caught up on items in general. Received a letter from mom. Started in earnest training Patrick & weaning Jeffrey. Primary. Tended Westerns

Children

Friday 29th baked carrot cake, made phone calls - Alvin has been accepted at Salcott Mountain Science program. Tuition of \$270 is being paid by the school. The only one accepted from Hockanum. Wesley was recommended also. This is a very limited program of 15 weeks held on Saturdays. We will have to drive him there between the hours of 1:00 & 4:00 p.m. It will end on Jan 6, 1979 - He will be in the horizons program.

Saturday the 30th. Richard was in SL for conference. Laura went up to help with the word tag sale. Guy & Wesley went to the fathers & sons outing with Brother Taylor. I drove Alvin & the other students over to Salcott Mountain. Guy

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Went to priesthood with Brother Taylor.
Sunday Oct 1, Listened to 1 session of
General Conference. Attended Sac. mtg.
Monday. Invited Sister Western to bring
her children over for home evening
Tuesday. Richard came home. I went to
the Airport with Kimbly Patrick & Jeffery.

Saturday Oct 7. Our family sang in
the Roadend Bp. meeting at Stake
Conference. "Today While the Sun Shines."
Afterwards we went out to eat at Mr.
Stefan. Sunday Oct 8 - Stake Conference
Monday Oct 9. We had Jack Carlyle
and 3 of his children over for Family
Home Evening.

Tues Oct 10, Went to Hockanum while
the children had physical exams
all day. Baby sat at Relief Society.

Wed Oct 11. Jeffery's birthday. I
He made the ~~Waltz~~ ^{Waltz} run down
by playing with the lights. I
had Sister Western come over to
help me jump it as Richard
left for Jackson, Mississippi. Sister
Lindquist came and tended while
I went to M.O.A. and Laura & I sang
for the "New Beginnings" program "Climb
Every Mountain". We took Barbara

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Carlisle & 2 boys that the Elders
are teaching to mtd with us.

Thursday Oct 12, Had a very busy day -
shopping & getting ready for primary. After
primary fed the children & stayed at the
church for Brother Carlisle's baptism. His
daughter Barbara came. She and Laura seemed
to get along real well. Took the sisters
home along with a 16 yr old girl they
are teaching. Mom & Dad Black called
& wished me a happy birthday. Laura
had a cross-country meet & came in
13th. Orientation for Laura's gifted-student program.

Friday Richard came back from the Users
Convention. Ted Thiel & his wife were very
interested in the church & cornered
Richard & even took him to dinner an
extra evening to talk about the church.
Richard gave them the name of the
Bishop and then he called & talked
to the missionaries & gave them as a
referral.

Saturday Oct 14. I spent the day
taking people around. Alvin & his group to
Avon - Seminary students to the stake
house. Richard went to an Institute Mtg.

Sunday Oct 15, I had an Inservice Mtg.
Attended Church - Enjoyable time.

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Monday Oct 16, Had home evening with Bro Carlisle & 3 children again. They gave us a collection of fossils -

Tuesday - Oct 17, Invited neighbor Sophie Clark to go to Relief Society. I didn't think she would go but the last minute she came. The nursery came in and sang "I Am A Child of God." She was in tears. She did say that it was very interesting. She also commented with a little surprise about the mothers bringing their children. They had ball practice & Richard had a meeting at stake house. ^{Travelling nurse came by}

Wed. Oct 18, ... M.C.A. and primary. ... meeting. Richard went to Back to School night at Penney High. Guy seems to be doing well in all his subjects. Visiting teaching - ^{Linda Fink was} discouraged but

Thursday Oct 19, Primary. Richard came home early & tended Jeffrey as he wasn't feeling well. He and Guy went home teaching & picked up our honey. I was very tired & ached all over so went to bed by 9:00.

Friday Oct 20, Awoke & felt much better - cleaned house. Had

Sarah Novasatty over for lunch & then drove her car out to airforce airport while she drove her husbands out & parked it. Had a nice visit with her.

Richard, Alvin and I went to Sister Carmichael's house for a Blazer briefing.

Several comments from my conversation with Sarah Novasatty. She said that our family was needed in the mission field. Many of the people here come from past member or inactive families & it is hard to live the gospel in its fullness under those circumstances.

perhaps this is the time in our lives to really work on missionary work as we can't do everything all of the time.

Victor Becenti called us and told us that he had been ordained an Elder last week & he sounded very excited about it. He may be serving a stake mission. His life has certainly taken a turn-around for the better.

Saturday Oct 21, I had stake day for Primary - Sent a letter to Bishop Milne about Mom going on a mission. Richard took Alvin & kids to Avon for Talcott Mountain Stake day had a lot of good ideas

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in workshops. It attended one on Reverence

We made Reverence cookies - ingredients were
eyes on the speaker - shortening

quiet body - egg

folded hands - brown sugar

quiet feet - milk

reverent thoughts - flour - this holds everything
else together.

stirring - sweet voices singing - make only
as much noise as it needs to.

practice every week. (put dough in oven
do every week - but comes sweet

reverent cookies to match the sweet
^{quiet} ~~reverent~~ feeling of reverence inside of us.

Missionary mark - puppet - if reverent smiling
if not reverent hang head.

story of Viola swamp

Music instructor has a bowl full of
utensils - 2 children participate. I choose
number for name of song. The utensils decide
the way ~~way~~ the song is to be sung.
such as a spoon full of giggles etc.

Oversleeping will never make your
dreams come true.

It is better to wear out than rust out.
There is no one road to success.
There are as many as you are willing
to build.

Not by my sins wilt thou judge
me, but by the work of hands.

Everyone excels in something in
which another fails.

It's not the job we do, but how
we do it.

If you can't do it well,
Have fun doing it.

The road to success is always
under construction.

No one knows what he can do
until he tries.

A story can be an introduction to
a lesson, the conclusion, or the
whole lesson, but it must always
lead toward the objective of the
lesson.

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Storytelling Leader Sonya Lee
Hunting

Storytelling is one of the most useful of all methods because it holds attention, teaches attributes of characters, and brings understanding more quickly than just words.
Paul H. Deussen

If you want to tell stories, well, ~~if~~ you must have an intense urge to share with others that which moves you deeply.

Charles Hobbs

Children seem more impressed with true stories than fictional ones. Always tie stories into objectives.

Always feel comfortable in the way you try to tell the story.

use resource people!!!

Storytelling -

preparation

reading 2, 3, 4, or as many times as necessary.

determine time limit

outline story - decide what parts can be left out;

set the scene & tell the story.

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listen to yourself tell a story on the tape.

know the feelings you want to convey.

tell the story - don't read
use voice

expression - phrase in your
own words.

Spotlights - honor a teacher each
month -

Song "Where Love Is"

Sow seeds for teachers

1 - Be On Time

2 - Attend all of the meetings

a. what can I gain?

b. what do I have to give?

3 - Willingness

4 - Interesting - Effective and
Worthwhile meetings

5 - Love

Use book "Teaching, No Greater Call"

Christmas party - get survey to find
out children's interests & talents

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get list of resource people in writing, drama, poetry, art, music both instrumental and voice. I have a meeting to ~~see~~ create ideas. Theme possible ways of giving of yourself. Look in Ensign of few years back.

Have my teachers look through "No Greater Call". Choose one area they need to work on as their goal.

Use hangman game to introduce subject of lesson or as a review if time is left over.

We cleaned house & Richard & Guy went to the stake priesthood meeting. received a letter from Alice and one from Mom & Dad Black along with the pictures we left with them. They are very good. Richard was sustained as 4th m. Pres.

Ref. again by Bishop Wallin

Sunday Oct 22, Worked on story about Henry. Went to Sunday School, Choir practice & Sac Mtg.

Monday Oct 23, For home night we had the sisters missionaries, Michelle McKay & her 13 year old sister Marsha who is interested in the church. Also Bro & Sis Ucello & their children. Had fun. Patrick gave the lesson.

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Tuesday Oct 24, Home teachers came. Guy went to ball game practice. I went home teaching with Richard. Worked on halloween costumes.

Wed Oct 25 - The Elders came by & visited a while. They then traveled out our street. There are two call-backs. Rose Grenier came down & tended the children for us while we went to our meeting. We took Barbara Carlisle, Mark Holloway and his friend Tim to Mda with us. The primary presidency decorated rooms for the primary party while the Mda had their party. Marshes, Michael, McVay's sister came to Mda also. Rose offered to babysit every Wednesday evening.

Thurs Oct 26, Rose brought some corrugated cardboard down & visited for about 2 hrs. - to get ready for Halloween party. I went. I came back just in time to run Richard over to the church for Institute class.

Back home to feed baby & took Kimberlee Pamela, & Wesley with me to Back to School night at the school. Alvin's teacher was telling how ^{so many} of the teachers were raving about the new students.

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in their classes being so fabulous. She told them their last name must be Black. ~~And~~ Richard met us there toward the end.

Friday Oct 27 Cleaned house, washed clothes. We had a family council to ~~discuss~~ discuss ways of keeping the house cleaner. Bob Montemph told Richard to take him family to dinner & charge it to the company so we went to Mr Steak.

Saturday Oct 28, we got quite a lot done today. The garage cleaned, most of the bike fixed, Rose Greiner's car fixed, shopping, washing & ironing, house cleaned. It was a successful day.

Mon. Richard left for Rockford Ill. Rose came & watched kids while I went to Laura's gymnastic meet. She stayed for home night.

Tue went Halloweening. Wed. Nov 1, took kids to Hockanum Methodist Church to a clinic to get immunizations.

Laura's
gymnastic team
won by 1/2 pt

Laura - Rubella

Alon - Rubella

Wesley - Rubella

Pam - Rubella

Kim - Rubella

Patrick - measles, mumps, Rubella

Jeffrey polio, DPT, time test,

Page 393 Richard set Laura apart as 1st counselor in the Beehive Class

Thurs - Jeffrey had a reaction to the shot and was very cross & irritable with a fever. He didn't sleep well and neither did I. I was cross & irritable & so was he.

Friday - Nov 3, A much better day although I didn't seem to accomplish much. The weather is beautiful. We walked to school with Kimberlee. In the evening Richard and I went together to the baptism of Sister Holloway and her son Mark Benini.

Saturday Nov 4, Richard and the kids got the lawn mowed and most of the garden cleaned up. I got the electrician to wired for the dryer & Richard got it vented. It is surely good to have the dryer to use. I believe it will save me a great deal of time.

Rose Grenier and Joan Wethersford both brought their cars over to be fixed.

Richard, Alvin and Patrick Wethersford went to the stakehouse to the Priesthood Pilgrimage.

Sunday Nov 5, Laura's birthday. Like most of the birthdays since we have moved it is kind of slipped by us. We did have a cake that Wesley made. We had a very nice Testimony meeting today.

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I have weaned Jeffrey. He doesn't like the idea very much but I wanted to be able to go to the temple. I wrote some of the spiritual experiences & they typed them. Because of Mom Black & Mom Menzies & Alice we are being shoved just a little into getting our life histories written. Our newsletter for this month is nearly complete and we are centering around things we are thankful for. 8th of Nov - had brainstorming session.

During the week Richard traveled to Portland Oregon. Rose Grenier came & watched the children for me while I went on the Washington D.C. temple trip. I did 8 endowment sessions... & 14 initiations.

During the following weeks Richard was in town, but worked a lot.

We had conducted a survey of primary children to discover their interests & talents. They are to help us in the primary program to be put on for the Ward Christmas party Dec 22. We are striving for a missionary tool that non-member families can be brought to. We will be making Christmas cards & tree ornament, a display of the family home evening. We are also going to present a spiritual

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program with the theme "Star Bright."

The MDA girls played a game at region & won.

Guy tried out for the Freshman basketball team but didn't make it. He is on the Chess team #1 and is in a government club. He is going to be co-sponsor of a bill at the model congress to be held at Springfield, Mass in the Spring.

Laura went on an overnight camp with the MDA Dec 1, 2.

Alvin had his 11th birthday & went into Boyer B. class.

Nov. 19 - 22. Richard was on a trip.

Nov 23, Thanksgiving. We had Rose Grenier over. In the evening she took Patrick with her to visit a friend. She gave a neighbor who was there a Book of Mormon. The Elders brought by a Carnation & a little card for me for Thanksgiving.

Sunday Nov 24, We went as a family to Sturbridge, Mass. to Old Sturbridge village. A year membership was \$25. We will go back as we were unable to see very much of it. It is very interesting. They do

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things right there to show how it was done in those times (1800's or earlier)

Nov 27-29 Richard was out of town again at Sioux Falls, So Dakota.

Monday we had the Elders, Rose, & Westerns over for home evening. Elder Peters taught us the song "I Am a Child of God" in Italian. We are going Christmas caroling Dec 18th to the people in our neighborhood.

Friday Dec 1, I took Richard to "Scotland On Parade" for his birthday. We went with Brother & Sister Cordless. I enjoyed the night out.

Sat. Dec. Guys. M.I.A. team won their game. Richard got some work done on dressers besides fixing Joan Weatherfords car & attending a meeting.

Sunday - Enjoyed a good Fast & Testimony meeting. Patrick went with Rose after meetings.

Monday - 3 men from California in town - Richard has had to work nearly around the clock this week.

We had Weatherfords over for home evening. Snowed, warmed up, fog, rain.

Tues I walked Kim to school. Beautiful day. By nighttime it was

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very tired & exasperated by the time Richard came home after 7:00 p.m. Sis Western came by & wanted to know if I would like to go Christmas shopping with her. She had gone up to the stop sign & then thought that maybe I would like to go so came back. I was really glad she came as it gave me a chance to get out of the house & get rid of some of my frustrations.

Wed Dec 6, 1978 -

The children received the following ~~shots~~ immunizations:

Guy: Rubella

Laura: TV 5 time test

Alvin: DT 3 TV 3 time test

Wesley: DT 4 TV 4

Pamela DT 4 TV 4

Kimberlee - DT 4 TV 4

Patrick - DPT 4 TV 3 time test

Jeffrey - a Hgb Test & a lead test

Primary planning meeting. The Christmas program is coming along just fine.

Richard has gone to work at 3:00 each day this week & worked until 6:00 or 7:00 each night. I hope this doesn't last long.

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Thurs 7, Primary, Institute for Richard, Guy tended while I took Laura, Alvin & Wesley shopping.

Fri 8, Busy day. Sat - spent the day chasing. Richard worked all day & part of the night. I took Alvin, Wilbur, Pamela & Kim to Churchlawn where Brother Combes help them & other children put up an art display in the glass display case.

I took Alvin to Spaldett 7th & Guy up for Super Saturday. Rose came over to tend & Paula & I went shopping.

Sunday... Another busy day. The script for our Christmas program is written & all the parts handed out. I am beginning to get excited. I hope we get some non-member families to come and it does seem good to plant seeds for the gospel to grow. Rose let us borrow her camera & to take pictures to send to Utah for Christmas.

~~Mon 11, Richard went on a business trip~~
Sunday afternoon.

During this week Richard took off a couple hours for 2 afternoons to go shopping.

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Wed 13th - Spent time finding light & rehearsing -
Thur 14 - did some rehearsal on toy soldiers &
dancing dolls. After primary came home & ate
and went right back to Hockanum to the school
program. Wesley had made an angel puppet &
was in a puppet show. Pamela dressed
like a pixie and helped the music & art
teacher. Went to the book fair in the library.
The librarian was telling me about how
impressed she was that Wesley and some of the
other children had been more concerned
about buying something for members of the
family than getting books for himself.

Friday 15th - Richard was ill - stayed
home. Part of the day. At night. Went
to his company Christmas party at the
Marlborough Tavern. It was surely a
different party than the Beneficial life
party has been. We left early. The last
time the waitress came around for drink
orders she looked at Richard and asked
if he would like some water.

Sat. spent day chasing. Richard worked all
day.

Sunday - 17 - Rehearsal during Priesthood &
spent a lot of time getting things together.

Monday - 18 - Went Christmas Caroling with
Rose, the Elders, & the Westerns in the neighborhood.

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at (three to be exact)

Very cold chilly windy evening - Several houses people opened the door & across the street. We went over to sing & they closed the door. At one house Laura took an invitation to the ward Christmas party & ~~she~~ the lady thought we were after a donation. Came back home & had hot chocolate & donuts.

Wed 20th - Rehearsal & Mela party.
Ice storm - terrible traveling home.

Thurs 21st - Rehearsal during primary time & we stayed to eat & decorate. Got the hall all decorated & chairs set up - most everything got organized - typed programs.

Friday - put stars on programs & got ready for party. Went to church & prepared. The program "Star Bright" was a great success - many people helped make it a success. The children participated as much as possible in preparing & performing. There must have been a dozen non-member families with some of their children participating in the program. The missionaries had a display table on family home evening & gave away about 19 packets of pamphlets. The program went very well & everyone did their parts very well. There was plenty

of treats which helped make it a great success. I was personally very happy with the way the party turned out. We received good comments from many people. Bishop Walton even mentioned it in Sacrament meeting.

Alvin was Nephi, sang with Star Bright singers, Made & held the pinata, & was a caroler. Wesley sang with "Star Bright" group & took care of playing the tapes for the program. He synchronized the tape of "Night Thoughts" & the newborn baby crying. Pamela was a dancing doll & wound the jack-in-the-box up mechanically. Kimberlee sang with the Star Bright group. One of the reasons it was a success was that we had people involved to help & used people & children who were really interested enough to help & keep coming.

Saturday Dec 23. Spent the day shopping & cleaning preparing for Christmas.

Sunday Dec 24. Our family sang "Star Bright" on Sunday School program. Laura & I sang with the choir for Sac Mtg.

We took a box of goodies & presents to Weatherfords. Rhonda Goodrow came & spent time with us after Sac Mtg.

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This morning when I took Richard & Guy to the Church there was a paper sack with a bottle of brandy & a bottle of wine on the edge of the planter. We didn't know what to think so left it there.

When we came home from S.S. it was gone so we figured that whoever left it had come & got it. A short time later the doorbell rang & our little old Italian neighbor to the north told us in his broken English that he was the one who left it & that when we hadn't taken it he had moved it around back so no one else would take it. We thanked him & didn't know what else to do. ~~After Sac mtg~~ we We had Elder Peters translate a letter thanking him & to explaining the Book of Mormon. After Sac mtg we took it, the Italian Book of Mormon & Joseph Smith pamphlet to him. We sang Christmas carols & then sang "I am a Child of God in Italian to him.

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Monday 25th - We had a very lovely Christmas
We had the sister missionaries over
to our home for several hours. Rose
came as did Rhonda Goodrow. We
called our parents & Eva. They got our
Christmas tapes.

Wed 27th - Laura orthodontist, Guy to
Seminary makeup session & pizza party.
In the evening we all went to Holyoke
to see Eva & her family. Eva Dean was
there. Good visit. They gave us
a bottle of honey they extracted from
their hives. I visited a short while with Linda.

Thurs 28 - Took van in to be fixed. Institute
& home teachers. Sister Western's Laurel
Class came Christmas Caroling.

Friday 29, Straightened house & worked
on journal & paper work. In the
evening Richard & I went to the ward
New Year's party. I had a lot of fun.
We danced more than we had
for a long long time.

Saturday 30, I cleaned house & typed
Her article about Henry. Ran off
copies & mailed them. Rose took
Laura, Pamela, Kimberlee & Patricia
part of the day. Laura got her hair
cut, & Richard completed another

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deck.

Sunday Dec 31, Guy was set apart as Teachers Quorum president in the ward by Bishop Wendel Walton. Richard was there. He chose as counselors, Scott Reading and Billy Knox with Sean Walton as secretary. Stay up until midnight and the children took pans & lids onto front porch and banged at midnight. Kimberlee and Guy only ones not awake.

Monday Jan 1, Richard accomplished quite a bit on the oak desks. In the afternoon stopped at Weatherford's to fix a few items for her and then went to Ellington to the Lynches to the New Years Day Buffet. Most of the ward came. It was a very enjoyable evening. I made a chart for recording time spent with family members. Talked with children about thinking of goals we would like to accomplish as a family during the coming year.

Tuesday Jan 2, Drove Richard to airport to catch 7:00 plane. He got stuck in Chicago when his flight to Sioux Falls. So Dakota was finally cancelled about 4 hours after it was

scheduled. They are having ice storms & have had 13 inches of snow over the weekend.

Got Alvin headed in the direction to get his Arrow of light. He doesn't have many things left to do.

Wednesday. Richard called about 7:30 and informed me that he had just made it to Sioux Falls, So. Dakota. He had spent all day and night at the Chicago airport. He had been able to visit with quite a number of people and gave one "Plan of Salvation" pamphlet to a person.

I helped Wesley get a start on his Bear Achievement.

... Took Kimberlee, Patrick, & Jeffrey to Hickman Methodist church. Kimberlee got her mumps. Patrick had a Hemoglobin & lead test. Both Patrick & Jeffrey had a checkup. Good condition. Patrick weighed 34 lbs was 38 1/2 inches tall. Jeffrey weighed 22 lbs was 30 inches.

Thursday. Besides Primary gave lesson for the Institute. Couldn't talk neighbor into letting Lisa go to primary.

Friday. Wesley & Laura are getting head colds. Richard is still in So. Dakota & won't be back until late tomorrow evening. I took the sister

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missionaries to an appointment. They had with a older man and he apparently had forgotten about it so I took the missionaries around to a couple of places where a new baby had just been born. The first place the lady was too busy to talk, but the sisters left a pamphlet packet with them. The second place the wife was just leaving to go to the Dr but the husband invited us in and talked all the while the wife was gone. He was a "born again" Christian & talked, talked, ... talked. Trying to convert us to his way of thinking. Everytime one of us tried to bear our testimony to him he would interrupt & continue on for a long time. When we went to go he wanted us to have prayer with him. He prayed to Jesus & was shaking & when he was finished he wanted us to know that he had felt the holy Ghost. We felt nothing & told him it was nothing like we have felt. We left some pamphlets & an article of

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faith card: All in all was a very interesting afternoon.

There are many churches claiming things, but only one true church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This I know to be true and my testimony of that is growing with each day. I feel that I personally am growing much more rapidly here than ever before and if nothing else were accomplished by this move here that would be worth it all. There are many other things happening daily which help me realize more reasons we are here.

Pamela's school teacher told the class that she loved to read & that she would read anything. Pamela informed me that she knew how her teacher was going to become a mormon. This morning she took her a copy along with a pamphlet "Read the Book of Mormon, it may change your life."

Guy's teachers have asked questions & made comments from time to time.

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Laura's music class is listening to the Messiah done by the Tabernacle Choir.

Saturday Jan 6, I went with Alvin to Talcott mtn for the open house held for parents. It was very interesting. He brought home his solar oven. He still needs to paint it black & seal a few cracks. Richard came home from Sioux Falls a couple of hours earlier than he thought he would.

Sunday Jan 7, Fast and Testimony meeting. We fasted in Henry's behalf. I had sent a copy of the article concerning our experiences with Henry to the parole board. Chris Laruder was very depressed after church. Rose called & Richard made arrangements to have Rose bring Chris & Annie over on their way to the Young Adult Fireside. Richard spent a few minutes talking with Chris. The fireside was on missionary work. Chris was trying to decide whether to go on a mission or to school. After the fireside she decided to go on a mission and the depression left her. It has become so evident to us that just before something good and that accomplishes a #.

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righteous purpose happens, there is a period of depression, temptation or bad things happen to discourage that person. I am convinced that at that point of time Satan is aware that he needs to try to stop this thing from happening and turns his forces loose. If we endure ^{overcome} the blessing is there but if we succumb we never realize the blessing that could have been ours.

Monday Jan 8, We were supposed to have some friends of Denzmores over for home night. but they couldn't make it so we had one by ourselves.

Tuesday Jan 9, We had the Elders over for dinner. We then took them to the church for an appointment they had with Chris Saunders' brother. Guy went to ball practice & Richard & I went home teaching to Joan Wetherford. When we arrived home Chuck Payne had come by concerned about Linda Hunter moving. Richard took Wayne Taylor & I went there. She is moving in 2 weeks but the real problem was that she didn't want

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Chuck to know where she was moving.
Apparently he has been pestering her.

Wed Jan 10, Richard went to Boston, Mass.
MCA and Primary planning mtg.
Discussed the upcoming workshop &
scouting program. Bro. Gray came in to
talk with us. We felt that we
got a lot of problems solved or at
least headed in right direction. As
part of the workshop we are having
a department "Reaching All His Sheep"
designed to find ways to reach the
inactive children.

..... We called Sue and found that when
Henry went before the board today
that he received a one year
release date Jan 8, 1980. He goes to
Community Release Jan 19, 1979 and will be
able to get a job outside of prison
during the day. Sue said that
Henry was elated & was finally
calming down. He is going to speak
at her ward Sac. Mtg. & at a state
youth Fireside. Things are moving
along in his life.

I found a copy of the music
"Wherefore Is" in the book "more songs

For Children" that the library gave us tonight.

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Thursday Jan 11, Richard went to Worster, Mass. today. At 4:00 this afternoon Guy is leaving with the government clerk for Springfield, Mass. for a model congress. He will be gone until late Sat night. He is co-sponsor of a bill. It sounds like a good experience. Sister Thompkins called me & asked if a photographer could come to Primary today to take pictures of each class involved in some activity or lesson.

Richard called about 12:30. He had got back from Worster & had to leave as soon as possible for Sioux Falls, So. Dakota. I left at 2:00 to take him out & got back just in time to get the children. We had a tight schedule to keep all afternoon, but managed to make it. The Elders substituted for Elder Richard at Institute.

Friday Sarah Novasatty came by to visit for awhile. I wrote the monthly newsletter up to date.

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Sat Jan 13, Took kids around on paper route & then went grocery shopping as an ice storm was predicted. It came about 1:00 and everything was very slippery. I was glad I had already gone shopping. Laura, Alvin & Wesley went down to the D-cove to see if the ice was thick. In the late afternoon it started to rain regularly which began to melt the ice. Richard called to say he was staying over the weekend which was just as well, as the Chicago O'hare airport was almost at a standstill.

In the evening went to the film festival at the ward. It was very nice & several people from the ward performed between films. The missionaries put on a cute skit. Guy got back from Model Congress safely.

Sun. Jan 14, Sunday School & Sac Mtg nice. I offered the benediction at Sac Mtg which is the first time I have done that since I was a teenager. Guy & Laura went to BYC. I practiced songs & when we got home Richard called to tell me about his day. The Branch President there was released as he is going to S.L.C. to find a job & a house to rent.

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He has 5 children & promised to look up Mom & Dad Black & look into our home. Maybe that is the reason Richard stayed in Sioux Falls. So Dakota he got some Books of Mormon from the missionaries there.

~~It~~ After getting the children all to sleep, I stayed up & wrote my life history until 3:00 a.m.

Monday Jan 15 Kids had the day off from school. Had home evening.

Tuesday. Showed how to make a cube sheet in Relief Society. Guy had ball practice.

Wed. afternoon. a huge snow storm came. called off MHA & planning meeting. I spent the day cleaning cupboards in both kitchens transferring things up and down stairs. I sprained my ankle & after walking on it for a couple of hours it really hurt me. At bedtime I was in terrible pain. Felt better in the morning.

Thurs. Primary. Richard called & said it would be quite late before he got home. I went to bed early. at 10:30 the phone rang. It was

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Mom. It was good to talk with her. She had got the photo album & really enjoyed it very much. Carroll has been in the hospital for tests & isn't too well. They think he has the same illness his mother has. After the phone call I was wide awake so decided to write history while waiting for Richard. He got home at ~~11:30~~ 11:30 & earlier than he thought.

Sunday Jan 19, Alvin didn't feel well. Richard stayed home from work. He worked on getting Wesley's car ready for the Pinewood Derby. Wesley placed 1st & got a nice trophy & received a ribbon for the most attractive car. Alvin received the following activity badges: Sportsman, Athlete, Naturalist, Scholar, & Citizen. He also received his Arrow of Light award. I spent time in the afternoon running down the awards.

Richard, Laura & Guy went on hayride with M & A. Bought snowsuits, set up tables for lunch for Pinewood workshop.

Sat Jan 20. Guy had basketball game. Got back just in time for

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Laura Guy Ed to go to Church house
for Workshop - it was a very nice one.
All sang "Where Love is". Had a luncheon
afterwards - Richard worked on desks
while the church houses.

Mon Jan 21st Kimbalce gave a talk in JESS.
A lot of rain. Sir Withersford flooded
basement. Richard went to help her.
Spent the day just laying around. Went
to Sac Mt & back. Obed practice. Song
in Sac Mt with I Krista. Priced & Carol
again recommended by Marilyn Collins.
All that will pass again "This Way".

Tue Jan 22, Wesley Hill. Home Eding
went to bed early.

Thurs - Home Teachers visited

Wed - Mid A & planning mtg - received
results of Alvin's test - Highest scores
possible - A. Mini-monsoon
rainstorm all night long. I haven't
felt too well this week & just couldn't
I feel get excited about going on temple
trip. So we decided not to go. Stayed
home from Primary. Very tired & a
touch of diarrhea. Wesley, Kim, Jeff & Rhonda.

Friday - not feeling very well today.
Very tired even though I had
enough sleep.

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Laura went to Jo Ann's birthday party.

Sat Jan 27, I spent the day chasing ^{for meat} took Richard to stake house. Guy, Alvin & he were there for the Meat Lodge seminar. Took Laura to stake house for ball practice. Typed rough draft of life history & newsletter.

Tuesday, Richard & Guy went home teaching. Laura worked on dress. Richard had people here from New York to transport around.

Wed. M & A & primary planning mtg.

Thurs Primary & Institute - Laura's ball practice. ✓

Guy had mid-year tests for a whole week. The kids got their report cards. All got good grades.

Patrick one day wouldn't let Guy play with Jeffrey because he said "He's my brother". I told him Guy was his brother also & he said "no". I then asked him who his mommy was. He said "You are". Who is Jeffrey's mommy, "You are" where ~~who~~ is Guy's mommy. "She is in S.L." and the same reply for each of the children.

Patrick is finally completely toilet trained as of about 1 week ago.

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Friday Feb 2, I cleaned house the last 2 days. Guy had a ball game at the stake house. We went up to help Rose get her car started. I worked on life history & finished editing it.

Saturday took the family & some of the kids on ball teams to the stake house - spent most of the day watching ball games. Both Guy's and Laura's teams won out of the stake & they go to region in Rhode Island.

Sunday Feb 4, S.S. fast & testimony meeting. I typed finish copy of 1st part of my life history.

Monday Feb 5. Richard is transporting 2 guys from Oregon around today.

Tuesday R.S. Home teaching & ball practice

Patrick Wed. mtd & planning mtg cancelled

because of snowstorm - The kids got out of school early also. Richard took Rose Grenier & I out to eat at the market place.

Thurs. Primary. Children ill but took them anyway. Institute for Richard.

Friday - cocktail & buffet at open house for Van Lage. Richard & I went for just a chat while. Feel very much out of place at something like that. What a waste of time & energy at 10:30 when Richard left to come home.

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after going into check on a run they were still there & drunk as can be. One of the guys told Richard "You know what you are? You're a workaholic, Richard!" Bro. Stanley administered Scott's Emulsion which had his appendix removed.

Sat Richard spent most of the day at work. Kids were ill didn't get much accomplished. Most of the children had

farms & coughs. Jeffery must have just kept climbing all day he periodically twitched. About 9:30 p.m. I was holding

him & he had a couple of twitches then began went into a convulsion. Richard grabbed him & ran into the bathroom & bathed his head. I ran upstairs & began filling the tub but didn't need it. as... Richard had been able to stop it.

I gave Jeffery an enema & it brought his fever down so immediately. Just before giving him the enema Laura asked us what a convulsion was. She then became

gray & had a blank look on her face. Richard yelled "grab her" which I did just in time to help her lie on the floor. What an exciting time we were having. The children all slept well.

Bro Western had come over to help Richard administer to Patrick & Jeffery but Patrick would have nothing to do with it so they just administered to Jeffery.

I heard Bro. Stanley called
 the kids are moving
 in. Look!

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Sunday - I went to S.S. & Richard to Soc Mtg.
Taking turns staying with the children.
The only ones who went to church were Laura, Abbie
& Pamela.

Monday Feb 12 Richard left at 6:00 with Bob
Montemayle. Bob flew them to New Jersey & back
got back about 4:00. They went practice flying
for an hour. The children still don't feel
too well but are on the improve. I did
some more on my life history.

Tuesday - stayed home from R.S. Richard
went to Institute tonight.

Feb 14 Wed - M.C.A. Valentine's dance - Kids
had fun. Laura won for the
girl who danced with the most
number of different boys. Primary planning
accomplished quite a lot.

Thurs - a light snowstorm helped break
the long cold spell we've been having.
Sented Kirk Novasetty & went to
Primary - Laura had ball practice.
Friday - Richard & I very tired
slept a good part of the day -
went grocery shopping in the
afternoon.

Saturday Feb 17 I had stake Primary day - New
Presidency Sustained - good ideas given
by outgoing president on problem solving.

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In the evening Primary officers & teachers party at Bob & Lois Uccello's. Richard had to go to the stake house to a stake meeting & got back for a little of the party. Rose tended for us.

Sunday Feb 18, Got some of my life history typed. Good lesson on Journals & life history in Sunday school. I read a portion out of Thomas Memmott's journal.

During the week Feb 19-23 the children had winter vacation. They did a variety of things from building a snow fort, writing & practicing words for a song for our pitcher. Band for the gong show Sat. night. I called Martha Zburacki inviting her. Not sure she could come.

Ball practice most of the week, Richard went to see what was wrong with Sister Lindquist's washing machine. Watched Roots - M.

Thurs - I and the children went to the Cheney homestead in Manchester. I picked up ~~the~~ Robert Holloway for Primary today in addition to the Western Children.

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Friday we visited the Lutz Jr. Museum
which is a very interesting & fun filled
place for children. It had a hard
time prying Patrick and Jeffrey away
from there when we decided
to leave.

Saturday Richard helped remove
paint from woodwork of Gra. Weckford's
home. At night we went to the
ward gang show. Our family
put together a little band
and made up some words to
a folk song. The words went
like this:

We're the Black family from
way out west.

And we're glad that we came
and we thought we would get
some rest.

But it's more of the same

With your impatient and your ideas
We have learned a new tongue

At 15 minutes to we hear it's
It's a quarter of one

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There's a stop sign everywhere we go
And crowded streets. Jalun
Since we've got here we've come to know
There's square corners no more.

Now list, you think we're unhappy here
With the area here.

We're telling you that we're really not.
We've made many friend. quite clear.

We are thankful for all of you
who have helped us adjust
By the time that this song is through
Gonging us is a must.

Everyone one we meet is our friend.
Even you at the bell,
If you gong us there will tell you
you can get straight to jail.

Chris Garmuch's father played the
accordion & won the gong show.
Sunday - The ward is purchasing about
9 acres of land across the street from
the chapel for a welfare farm.
The Bishop is asking us for 1% of
our income as a suggested welfare
assessment to help pay for it.

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Monday - Invited Mr & Mrs Rowings
& 2 children to home night but
Melinda was ill so they couldn't
make it. She said they wanted
to come another time.

Tues 27th - Richard left at 6:45 pm
for San Francisco.

This whole week has been a rough
one. I have hurried from one
thing to another trying to keep up.
Thursday I took besides my own
children & Western 3 - all camping.
Robert Holloway and Mike McCallister.
Laura & Gary had a ball practice
they stayed... I for... I needed to run
get them. Richard sent me some flowers.

Friday I went shopping, washed
the van ran errands & etc. at
night we went to pick up Sister
Stephanie Morgan-Dink & a friend.
She took us to a shop "The
Apple Dumpling Gang". Afterwards
we went to the board & had treats.

Arose early & left for Providence
R.I. Sister Stevens kept, Pamela,
Kimberly & Patricia which helped
a great deal. Got lost trying to
find the college in Rhode Island.

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A very tiring day. The girls basketball team played 3 a.m. in the region & the boys won the region with a very tight game. Got home after 9:00.

Sunday had a good day at church but by afternoon I guess I was settled. I couldn't control my emotions. After resting a while took Guy & Laura to Richards work to type Laura's class newsletter and Guy's life history.

Guy & Laura variety show March 10. Pink Panther March 10, Patrick gave his first talk in J.S.S. sent ^{1/2 yr} subscription of New Era, Friend & Ensign to people we have met. New England mission being divided into 3 missions by July of this year. Region split in two. We are applying to be in the Hill Cumorah pageant.

Wed March 7, Kim had examination weight 50 lb. 46 in tall. Blood test

Patrick - ~~2~~ Hemoglobin & ~~test~~ test

Jeffrey - Hemoglobin test & a shot for Measles, mumps & Rubella.